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King Fahd urges Saudi youth to join armed forces

RIYADH, Sept. 23. (Reuters): King Fahd urged qualified young men to join Saudi Arabia's armed forces in a speech today marking the kingdom's 58th National Day, saying it was the highest honour to serve the country in this way.

Saudi Arabia, with a 73,000-man Army, signed contracts for weapons worth several billion dollars from China and Britain in the past few months and King Fahd said in July the country needed well-educated men to operate modern weapon systems.

Requires
"Why can't we have a reserve of 300,000 or 400,000 or 500,000 of our young men?" the king asked in his speech, reported by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA). "The soldier of today is required to be of a high academic standard."

"The responsibility of securing the holy Islamic sites and defending them requires the strong arms of young men full of faith and knowledge," the King added.

Saudi Arabia vowed to crush any attempt to stage protests during the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca after violent clashes between demonstrators and Iranian pilgrims and security forces in 1987 in which more than 400 people were killed.

Lebanon threatened with partition

Rival cabinets vie for power

BEIRUT, Sept. 23. (Agencies): Rival governments vied for power in Lebanon today after Parliament failed to elect a new President, plunging the country into its worst political crisis in 45 years of independence.

Lebanon was faced with prospects of devastating violence and possible partition after President Amin Gemayel ended his six-year term at midnight yesterday without a successor.

Gemayel named the Army's Christian chief General Michel Aoun to head an interim government. Aoun moved into the Baabda Presidential Palace today.

But all three Muslims named to serve in Aoun's caretaker cabinet refused to take their posts while the country's Muslim majority vowed allegiance to incumbent Prime Minister Selim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim. Hoss insisted his old cabinet remained the legal government.

Postponed
Amid the political turmoil, Parliament cancelled a session set for 11 am today in the third attempt in five weeks to elect a new President.

"The session is postponed until a date that will be announced later," said a terse statement read by Parliament secretary Ihsan Abu Khalil at the old



Aoun

Parliament headquarters in West Beirut's Nijmah Square.

Christian legislators said they would boycott the election session unless the venue was shifted from Nijmah Square to the Villa Mansour on the capital's dividing Green Line.

The power struggle split along sectarian lines, with Muslims refusing to enter the interim administration.

Under the Lebanese system, the government assumes presidential responsibilities when there is no head of state.

Tension gripped Beirut amid fears of a further violent eruption of Lebanon's 13-year civil war. Many people, frightened by heavy clashes along the city's Green Line battle front yesterday, remained home listening to

news bulletins. Others formed long queues at bakeries, petrol stations and supermarkets. Traffic was light in both the Christian East and Muslim West of the capital.

Retain

Gemayel's last presidential decree, appointing Aoun Prime Minister, stated that he would retain his posts as commander of the 42,000-strong Army and head of the military's six-man Supreme Defence Council.

The five other officers named to serve in his military cabinet are also members of the council, which represents Lebanon's six major religious sects.

Gemayel's announcement of an interim Christian-led cabinet angered Muslim politicians, who denounced it as a coup and vowed loyalty to Hoss and the 1943 national covenant which followed independence from France.

Under the unwritten convention, the President is a Maronite Christian, the Prime Minister a Sunni Muslim, and the Speaker of Parliament a Shi'ite Muslim.

Hoss told reporters his "cabinet is still valid" and legitimate and enjoys full jurisdiction to carry out its executive powers.

American Charge d'Affaires Daniel Simpson, the most ranking US diplomat in Lebanon, visited Hoss in West Beirut today

and told reporters later: "It was an opportunity to be informed of the situation as it stands."

He added: "We must all apply ourselves to try to help Lebanon restore its unity." Simpson did not say which government Washington would recognise.

After the meeting, Christian gunmen, apparently angered by his meeting with Hoss, stopped Simpson's car at the museum crossing linking East and West Beirut. They tried to prevent the diplomat from returning to his residence in the Christian sector.

But he was later driven safely through roads controlled by units of Aoun's regular Army, said a police spokesman who insisted on anonymity.

Refused

Both Hoss and Aoun have summoned envoys of all five permanent member states of the United Nations Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — to meetings today and tomorrow apparently seeking recognition of their governments.

Political sources said the future of Aoun's six-man military cabinet was uncertain after the three Muslim members named by Gemayel refused to join.

Aoun, 53, appeared set to press on after declaring that he

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HH the Amir is welcomed by President Mitterrand (right) at the Elysee Palace in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sheikh Sabah hails Kuwait-France talks

Amir leaves Paris for New York

PARIS, Sept. 23. (KUNA): After talks with French leaders, HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah left here today for New York aboard a Kuwaiti airliner.

HH the Amir, who arrived here yesterday, met with French Premier Michel Rocard at Marigny Palace where Kuwait's leader was staying.

HH the Amir also met with French President Francois Mitterrand at Elysee Palace, yesterday.

Last night the Amir was the guest of honour at a banquet hosted by the Kuwaiti Ambassador to France, Dr Tarek Razouqi.

All members of the accompanying delegation, including Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, board chairman director-general of the Kuwait News Agency, Barges Al Barges, chief editors of Kuwaiti newspapers, heads of Kuwaiti interests in Paris, members of the Kuwaiti community in France and Kuwaiti students attended the banquet.

Address

Earlier today Mitterrand paid a courtesy call on His Highness at palatial residence near the Elysee, a Kuwaiti source told KUNA.

The Amir is due to address the UN on Sept 28 in his capacity as chairman of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference.

He will also have talks with President Reagan.

Warmth

Meanwhile, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed hailed the warmth that characterised the friendly meeting earlier in the day of the Amir and Mitterrand.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters following talks with his French counterpart, Ronald Dumas, that the Amir and Mitterrand

discussed important bilateral issues and international affairs.

"We were very pleased with the friendly exchanges between HH the Amir and President Mitterrand because both leaders spoke with concord," Sheikh Sabah said.

Speaking of his talks with Dumas, Sheikh Sabah said these centred on many issues of bilateral interest including the Palestinian cause and the Lebanese crisis.

He expressed appreciation for French traditional support to Arab causes topped by the Palestinian issue.

Lebanon

The Kuwaiti minister expressed hope that the people of Lebanon will overcome their age-old crisis and hold the election of a new President to succeed Amin Gemayel.

"We do not interfere in Lebanese affairs and condemn any foreign interference in Lebanon. We wish that the Lebanese brethren would unite and prevent anyone meddling with the election of a new President," Sheikh Sabah went on.

He said Kuwait supports Lebanon's independence, unity and territorial integrity, and warned that Kuwait would not recognise two governments if this resulted from partitioning the country.

Accord

The Kuwaiti official indicated that the Iran-Iraq peace talks also featured in his talks with Dumas. Both agreed to continue discussions on the subject when they meet in New York later this month.

Meanwhile, French Foreign Ministry spokesman said the talks between Sheikh Sabah and Dumas showed accord in the views of both countries on the Lebanese crisis and situation in

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Suleymanoglu worth his weight in gold

SEOUL, Sept. 23. (Reuters): Naim Suleymanoglu, the Turkish Hercules who smashed all his world weightlifting records on the way to an Olympic gold, is worth his weight in gold.

A team official said a Turkish bank had given the Olympic featherweight champion 343-1/2 gold coins to mark his victory — one for each kg in his world record total lift.

Suleymanoglu, who defected from Bulgaria two years ago, gave Turkey their first Olympic gold medal in 20 years.

He is due to fly home tomorrow in Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's private plane.

A hero's welcome awaits Suleymanoglu as well as a house, a car and \$1,000 monthly salary for the next four years, the official said.

Olympic medals table	
SEOUL, Sept. 23. (Reuters): Medals table after the seventh day of the Olympics (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):	

Soviet Union	16	4	13
East Germany	9	10	9
United States	6	5	4
Bulgaria	5	6	3
Hungary	5	3	2
West Germany	3	3	4
Britain	2	4	3
Italy	2	2	3
Czechoslovakia	2	1	0
Yugoslavia	2	0	1
Norway	2	0	0
China	1	5	5
Australia	1	4	0
South Korea	1	3	2
Poland	1	3	0
Romania	1	1	2
France	1	1	2
New Zealand	1	0	2
Portugal	1	0	0
Surinam	1	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0
Sweden	0	2	2
Japan	0	2	1
Finland	0	1	1
Costa Rica	0	1	0
Netherlands	0	1	0
Belgium	0	0	1
Greece	0	0	1
Switzerland	0	0	1
Spain	0	0	1

Israeli jets hit targets in Lebanon

SIDON, Sept. 23. (Reuters): Israeli jets attacked Palestinian targets in southern Lebanon today and a guerrilla spokesman reported four people wounded.

Three jets, with a fourth providing cover, struck within 15 minutes at bases of the Fatah group on the edge of the Miyeh Miyeh Palestinian refugee camp east of Sidon, witnesses and security sources said.

In Israel, an Army spokesman said the planes destroyed Palestinian strongholds and then returned safely.

Fatah spokesman Mahmoud Al Hassan said in a statement issued in Sidon that the jets hit residential areas and positions of Fatah, the mainstream commando group headed by Yasser Arafat in the PLO.

He said four people were wounded and three others were listed as missing.

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State of sea: slight
High water: 8.00 am
Low water: 6.00 pm
Sunrise: 5.47 am
Sunset: 5.43 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 42°C 107°F
Ahmad: 39°C 102°F
Fahaka: 38°C 100°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 43°C 109°F
Ahmad: 40°C 104°F
Fahaka: 39°C 102°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 19 per cent
Ahmad: 23 per cent
Fahaka: 26 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 21 per cent
Ahmad: 25 per cent
Fahaka: 28 per cent

Rajiv withdraws defamation bill

NEW DELHI, Sept. 23. (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi yesterday withdrew a bill against defamation that journalists and opposition politicians had denounced as an attempt at censorship.

The withdrawal was quickly hailed as a victory for journalists.

The government had said the proposed legislation was designed to protect people from irresponsible journalism, but Indian newspapers had denounced it as "fascist" and "undemocratic" and said it was an attempt to muzzle the press following a year of reports of alleged kickbacks involving defence contracts.

Misgivings
Prithvi Chakravarty, a senior editor of the Calcutta-based, Bengali-language newspaper Ajkal and member of the Editor's Guild of India, said: "We praise all good deeds by the government. This withdrawal is one of the few good acts committed by the government in a long time, and we welcome it."

In a written statement issued yesterday afternoon by the Prime Minister's Office, Rajiv said he was withdrawing the bill because "it has aroused misapprehensions and misgivings among the press and sections of the public."

The statement said the act

would not be translated into law in order to conduct a "wider and fuller national debate" on the issue of defamation.

Prominent Indians, including some of Rajiv's friends, have been accused of receiving millions of dollars for Sweden's Bofors artillery guns and West German submarines. Rajiv himself has denied receiving any money, and a government inquiry failed to note any wrongdoing.

Rajiv's statement said the issue of defamation still must be resolved.

In the statement yesterday he said, "the freedom and rights of the individual are... sacred. It is this that makes the issue of defamation serious."

The defamation bill was passed by the Lok Sabha, the lower house of India's Parliament, on Aug 30, but it still required a vote by the Rajya Sabha, or upper house.

Concept

Rajiv's statement makes the Rajya Sabha's debate unnecessary.

"The withdrawal is an act of a democratic government, working in an atmosphere of accommodation, towards a system of consensual politics," a Foreign Ministry official told reporters. He spoke on condition of anonymity.



Rajiv

unity, in keeping with government practice.

The proposed law would have expanded the concept of defamation and would have negated any presumption of innocence by journalists or others making disclosures construed as defamatory.

"In keeping with our heritage and traditions, we have decided not to make the defamation bill, 1988, into law," Rajiv's statement said. "We have no intention of curbing, in any way, the freedom of the press."

But it also said: "In course of time, government may, if necessary, create a suitable forum to carry forward the dialogue in a spirit of understanding and co-operation."

The forum will include representatives of all those who might be affected by such a law," said a senior government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Tokyo tops expensive cities

ZURICH, Sept. 23. (KUNA): The world's most expensive city is Tokyo, followed by the capitals of the Scandinavian countries, then Zurich and Geneva in Switzerland, according to a study by the Union Bank of Switzerland.

Its survey of living costs and salary levels in 52 cities said that a basket of goods and services which in Tokyo would cost \$1,076, followed by Jeddah and Manama at \$1,063 and \$1,031 respectively. Kuwait was not covered in the study.

The most expensive Arab city in the survey was Abu Dhabi, where an equivalent range of goods and services would cost \$1,076, followed by Jeddah and Manama at \$1,063 and \$1,031 respectively. Kuwait was not covered in the study.

Salary levels, after deductions for tax and obligatory social benefits, were the highest in Zurich and Geneva, followed by Los Angeles, Tokyo, New York and Frankfurt, the bank said.

A Zurich secretary could expect to earn \$23,480 a year after tax and state deductions, compared to \$13,100 in London or a mere \$1,518 in Bombay.

Salaries

Out of the Arab cities, salaries were highest in Manama, where a secretary would earn approximately \$13,600 a year, followed by Jeddah, \$11,710, and Abu Dhabi, where the net salary was roughly \$8,610.

Hotel costs were the highest in London, where an international-class hotel would charge \$350 for two people with breakfast, followed by Jakarta, Indonesia, at \$267 and Paris, at \$258.

In the Gulf Abu Dhabi was the most expensive at \$156 followed by Manama \$110 and Jeddah \$97.

The world's cheapest international-class hotels were in Lagos, at \$71, Johannesburg \$73 and Kuala Lumpur \$75, the Swiss bank said.

Afghan raid

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 23. (Reuters): Pakistan said Afghan Air Force bombers made another raid across the border today, killing five people, including four children.

Iran starts clearing mines in Gulf

MANAMA, Sept. 23. (Agencies): Iran says its naval units will continue clearing mines from the waters of the Gulf through March, but warned mariners yesterday to be on their guard lest some mines escape its dragnet.

Iranian Rear Adm. Mohammad Hussein Malekzadegan said the minesweeping operations, which Iran initiated yesterday as a gesture of goodwill following last month's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, may last until next March "because the area to be (covered) is quite extensive."

The Iranian Navy boss warned mariners, however, that "it was likely a few mines might evade search and remain in international waters... despite the Islamic republic's minute inspection."

The admiral's comments to the official Islamic Republic News Agency appeared to be a warning to US and allied warships in the region not to blame Iran if they strike mines.

Fault

"Malekzadegan is trying to tell the Americans, that if they strike a mine this time, it's not Iran's fault, and there should be no retaliation," one Gulf-based diplomat said.

Meanwhile a second Iraqi tanker sailed through the Gulf to Iraq yesterday to resume oil export shipments, choked off during the eight years of the Iran-Iraq war.

An official source, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency INA, said

the tanker Baba-Kerker passed unimpeded through the Strait of Hormuz and would take on a cargo of crude at one of Iraq's southern Gulf ports.

Arms

Iranian Defence Minister Mohammad-Hussein Jalali said on Wednesday Iran could make many of its own arms and did not need the help of foreign military experts.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Jalali as telling a news conference Iran had built a military aircraft, a helicopter and a Navy tug without foreign aid, showing its ingenuity.

Iran could make its own spare parts for tanks and artillery and had started a missile production line last year, Jalali said.

INTERNATIONAL

Ambushers rake motorcade with gunfire

Top Amal commanders killed

BEIRUT, Sept. 23, (AP) The three top military commanders of the Shiite Muslim Amal militia in south Lebanon were assassinated in a gunfire ambush south of Beirut yesterday.

The killing of Daoud Daoud, Mahmoud Fakih and Hassan Sbeiti threatened to reignite the fighting between Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah fundamentalist faction for dominance of Lebanon's Shiite sect.

Daoud, 41, was Amal's overall commander in south Lebanon. Sbeiti, 34, was the militia's deputy commander, and Fakih was the commander of south Lebanon's Nabatieh district. All were Amal politburo members.

Amal, headed by Justice Minister Nabih Berri, is backed by Syria.

Police said unknown ambushers raked the three leaders' motorcade with machinegun fire and rocket-propelled grenades at 2 pm (1100 GMT) in south Beirut's seaside Ouzai district. It is controlled by Hezbollah.

They were leaving Beirut in a white Mercedes, headed toward south Lebanon's port city of Tyre. Their bodies were taken to the American University Hospital in West Beirut, which confirmed the deaths.

Daoud suffered three fatal bullet wounds in the head, heart and stomach. Fakih's head was split in half by an RPG that also chopped off his left arm and Sbeiti was "riddled with several dozen bullets," police said.

Daoud and Fakih led a four-day crackdown that routed out Hezbollah's bases from south Lebanon last April. Sixty people were killed and 150 wounded by police.

That sparked a three-week bloodbath between the two militias for control of south Beirut's Shiite-populated slums in May in which nearly 300 people died and 1,000 were wounded.

Syria, Lebanon's main power broker with 40,000 soldiers deployed in north and east Lebanon as well as Beirut's Muslim sector, sent troops into the embattled southern slums in late May to quell the confrontation.

Neither Amal nor police would publicly say who was behind yesterday's ambush. But a police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said privately that Hezbollah was "the most likely mastermind."

"We have had information that Hezbollah has issued a death warrant for Daoud and his comrades, accusing them of murdering scores of Hezbollahis in south," said a police spokesman. He cannot be named under standing rules.

The ambush reflects growing friction between Syria and Iran. Syria backed Iran during its eight-year war with Iraq.

But Syria considers Lebanon its own sphere of influence. It has been showing increased impatience with Iran's use of Hezbollah to dominate the one million Shiite who form the largest single sect among Lebanon's four million population.

Palestinian guerrillas and Amal militiamen traded rocket and machinegun fire across hillsides east of Sidon port today, security sources said.

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24 Palestinians wounded in widespread violence

KHAN YUNIS, Occupied Gaza Strip, Sept. 23, (Agencies) Troops opened fire with live ammunition and plastic bullets to quell widespread Palestinian demonstrations including an attack by masked, axe-wielding youths. Arab hospital officials said 24 Palestinians were wounded.

Touring the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the mass arrests of grass-roots activists in Gaza had succeeded in curbing large-scale riots and would continue.

As Rabin spoke to reporters under heavy guard, a Palestinian assailant hurled a cement block from a rooftop several meters away. Soldiers rushed to the site but made no arrests.

Mane slaughter

Rabin said he did not see the rock hurled nearby, but said that about 80 per cent of the violence in Gaza involved stone-throwing.

"Have we succeeded in bringing stone-throwing to a standstill? Not yet," Rabin conceded.

Also on Thursday, the Army said four soldiers would face trial in the beating to death of an elderly Palestinian man, Khader Al Tarazi, in Gaza's Jabanyia refugee camp.

Israel Radio said they were to be charged with manslaughter. It said the soldiers struck the man with clubs after they broke into his home to arrest Palestinian youths suspected of throwing stones on Aug. 22.

The radio said the soldiers planned to enter a plea of self defence.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, dozens of Palestinian youths marched through the narrow, winding streets of the cashab, or market, chanting anti-Israeli slogans, waving Palestinian flags and holding up pictures of PLO chief Yasser Arafat, an Army spokesman said.

The youths were Arab headscarves wrapped around their faces and black garbage bags over their clothes and shoes to hide their identities.

They attacked troops with rocks and axes. Soldiers responded with plastic bullets and live ammunition, an Army spokesman said.

Sixteen Palestinians were wounded in the clash, including a 12-year-old shot in the right hand and two 16-year-olds hit in the stomach, officials at Nablus' Al Itchad Hospital said.

Four other Palestinians, including an eight-year-old boy, were wounded in clashes in villages near Nablus.

The Army said 11 Palestinians were wounded in Nablus and nearby Burka village. Arab hospital officials said four Palestinians were wounded in the Gaza Strip, including a 13-year-old boy who was shot in the chest and rushed to Tel Aviv's Tel Hashomer Hospital in serious condition.

A military spokesman said three Palestinians were wounded, including one listed in serious condition.

An Israeli bus driver was slightly injured in the face when Palestinians stoned his vehicle as it approached the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, near Hebron, the Israeli-owned Itim news agency reported. All the windows in the bus were smashed.

Economy

Dozens of angry passengers alighted and threw stones at passing Arab vehicles, causing heavy damage to the cars, Itim wrote.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Israel says the Palestinian uprising has damaged Israel's economy, mainly in tourism, construction and business productivity, Israel television said.

100 buried alive in Nepalese landslide

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Sept. 23, (AP) More than 100 people were buried alive in west Nepal when a landslide caused by a flash flood swept their villages this week, officials said.

Home Ministry officials confirmed that 106 people died in the landslide on Tuesday night.

Officials yesterday said the toll may still be higher as there were several visitors who spent the night in the villages.

The officials said at least 58 people lost their lives in Darwang village, 200 kms (125 miles) west of Kathmandu, and 48 others died in nearby Niskot village.

The bodies of four men have been recovered from the debris, and rescuers were digging out the area in search of other victims.

A landslide on Tuesday blocked the Myagdi River, forming a lake. Later in the day, a boulder broke loose from the barricade, causing the flash flood and the ensuing landslide.

Polio

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 23, (AP) The minister of health, has extended an emergency vaccination campaign to 100,000 Israelis living near Tel Aviv after a virus suspected of being polio was found in the area's sewage, Israel Radio reported.

Sri Lanka extends emergency measures

COLOMBO, Sept. 23, (AP) The government extended emergency rule for one month following an announcement that attacks by both Tamils and Sinhalese killed at least 231 people in the last month.

Major Montague Jayawickreme, Minister for Public Administration and Plantation Industries, said that the killings took place between Aug. 16 and Sept. 15.

He provided the information during a debate to extend emergency rule, which allows the country's security forces wide-ranging arrest and detention powers. Emergency rule was enforced in May 1983, when the Tamil insurgency started in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka, and it has been extended monthly since then.

The militant Sinhalese People's Liberation Front was responsible for 150 murders and Tamil insurgents killed 81 people, said Jayawickreme, who acted as leader of the house while Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa is touring China.

By a vote of 101 to five the Parliament agreed to extend the emergency measures. Sixty-two members were not present for the vote.

The PLF was said to have killed 51 officials and 99 others, described by the minister as police informants and relatives of supporters of the ruling United National Party.

The PLF has vowed to kill supporters of an India-brokered peace accord signed in July 1987 and aimed at giving a greater measure of autonomy to Tamils on the island. The group claims too many concessions were given to Tamils, who are mostly Hindus and make up 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

More than 450 people, including military and civilian supporters of the government, have been victims of the PLF's campaign since the accord was signed.

Tamil insurgents killed 62 civilians and 19 Sri Lankan security personnel during the month ending Sept. 15, the minister said.

Tamil militants claim they are discriminated against by Sinhalese, who form 75 per cent of the population and control the administration and military.

The ruling United National Party will field candidates in upcoming elections to a local administrative council in the troubled northeastern province, a party official said Thursday.

The province is dominated by members of the minority Tamil community and is the scene of a five-year-old war by Tamil radicals for an independent homeland.

Doctors struggle to save Hirohito

TOKYO, Sept. 23, (Reuters) Doctors fighting to save bed-ridden Japanese Emperor Hirohito gave him two extra blood transfusions today in an effort to stop the decline in his blood pressure.

Palace officials told reporters that the 87-year-old emperor, who collapsed on Monday after vomiting blood, had discharged blood again.

They said doctors had also been unsuccessful in treating Hirohito's jaundice.

Chief cabinet secretary Keizo Obuchi said the Emperor had a short conversation with his son Crown Prince Akihito, who took over all Hirohito's state duties yesterday and later briefly wanted a television programme.

Court officials said the Emperor may soon be given a high-calorie intravenous drip to stave off malnutrition. He has eaten nothing but two small pieces of ice since he collapsed on Monday.

Obuchi said that the Imperial Household Agency had been told to release full details of the Emperor's condition as soon as they become available.

The media and several cabinet ministers have criticised the Imperial Household Agency for its handling of the crisis over the emperor's health.

Call for more monetary help for Afghanistan

GENEVA, Sept. 23, (Reuters) The United Nations has called for increased pledges toward its programme to help Afghan refugees return home and rebuild their country after nine years of war.

The programme co-ordinator, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, told a news conference he had received pledges for only \$97 million, eight per cent of the estimated \$1,166-billion cost of the programme over the next 18 months.

Sadruddin has identified needs for the three years after that, costing about \$840 million. "This is an opportunity for the United Nations and the international community to show that after nearly a decade of cruel conflict there is something called solidarity," he said.

Donors will have the chance to announce new commitments at a pledging conference UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar plans to hold on Oct. 12 in New York. The original appeal was launched in June.

Sadruddin expressed the hope that by the end of 1988 pledges would total close to \$500 million — from oil-producing Islamic nations, the Soviet Union, certain other developed nations which have not pledged anything and increases from the 13 nations which have already made commitments.

The money was urgently needed to help rebuild a country whose fields, roads, schools, factories and health centres have been destroyed by nine years of war which killed an estimated one million people and displaced 7.5 million.

The displaced represent 45 per cent of Afghanistan's estimated population of 16.7 million — 1.8 million who went to other parts of Afghanistan, 3.2 million to Pakistan and 2.4 million to Iran.

Formerly UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadruddin said Afghans constitute close to 40 per cent of the total refugee problem worldwide.

"It would be tragic if the Afghan people are given the hope for peace and development but are denied the relatively modest assistance to enable them to rebuild their lives and their country," he said.

Aid officials say that "compassion fatigue" in the face of flood disasters in the Caribbean, Bangladesh and Sudan and wars and famine elsewhere have probably impeded the Afghan campaign.

Aquino postpones local elections

MANILA, Sept. 23, (Reuters) Philippine President Corazon Aquino has announced she is postponing until next May nationwide local community elections set for November because of communist rebel activities.

"Our armed forces reported that in many areas the insurgents are bent on controlling the electoral process, resorting to force and violence if necessary, and that many lives will again be lost," she told reporters.

More than 100 people died in elections last January for provincial governors and mayors. The military blamed much of the violence on insurgents.

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Daoud (left) and Fakih: assassinated

Army regime to 'practise open economic policies'

US halts aid to Burma

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23, (Agencies) The United States is cutting off all aid except emergency humanitarian assistance to Burma, where leaders of a military coup have ruthlessly suppressed pro-democracy protesters, the State Department said.

"In light of the current unsettled political conditions in Burma, we are unable to continue our assistance programmes here for the time being," spokesman Rudi Boone said last night.

"Accordingly, we are halting further aid other than emergency humanitarian assistance until conditions permit a resumption," he said, reading from a State Department statement. "We look forward to renewing co-operation with Burma and the Burmese people."

Boone estimated US aid to Burma to be about \$12.3 million, but he did not know how much of the aid was for emergency humanitarian assistance.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater has said aid to Burma totals about \$14 million, and that was also the estimate offered late yesterday by Robert Hathaway, spokesman for congressman Stephen Solarz, chairman of the House of Representatives foreign affairs subcommittee on Asian and Pacific

affairs. Solarz visited Burma several weeks ago.

At the same time, US officials today ordered the evacuation of American diplomats from Rangoon, where Burma's new military leader appealed to the opposition to restore peace following a lull in street fighting.

A C-12 transport plane left Bangkok early today to pick up five US diplomats in Rangoon, a US embassy spokesman in the Thai capital said.

Plans to evacuate up to a dozen American diplomats came as relative calm settled yesterday in Rangoon and troops regained control of Mandalay, the nation's second largest city that had been under control of monks and anti-government citizens committees for a month.

Chit Swe said the new regime would practise "open economic policies, such as free trading and joint ventures with foreign countries."

He said it would make all efforts to "ensure the success of projects being undertaken with loans and assistance from abroad."

A number of foreign governments have threatened to cut off aid to Burma, one of the 10 poorest countries in the world, because of the violent repression of demonstrations.

Newly-appointed cabinet

Students clash with Seoul police

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (UPI) Radical students protesting the arrest of South Korea's most powerful student leader hurled rocks and firebombs today at police, who responded with barrages of tear gas for the first time during the 1988 Summer Olympics.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The clash broke out at Korea University in eastern Seoul, two miles (three km) from Tongdaemun stadium, where Olympic soccer matches are played. No matches were scheduled today.

The violence was sparked by the arrest last night of Oh Yong-Shik, student body president of Korea University and president of the powerful national coalition of student organisations, an umbrella student activist group that spearheads anti-government protests.

As president of the group, known as Chondachyup, Yong-Shik is the most powerful student leader in South Korea. He has been on a police "wanted list" since June in connection with a banned student march for reunification with North Korea that was crushed by police.

The students, chanting "free Oh Yong-Shik," marched from Democracy Plaza on the campus to the main gate where they faced off across the main boulevard with 200 riot police wearing gas masks, helmets and fire-resistant clothing. About 100 other police were stationed in a nearby alley.

Heat wave kills three in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 23, (KUNA) An untimely severe heat wave has killed three persons in Karachi during the last four days, according to newspaper reports.

The reports quoted doctors in four government and several private hospitals in the city as saying that at least 50 other persons were under treatment for heat exhaustion.

The three victims had suffered heat stroke.

Most of those hospitalised are children below the age of 12.

The weather bureau in Karachi said temperature remained above 41.5° centigrade due to a depression which has developed in the Arabian Sea near the Indian city of Bombay.

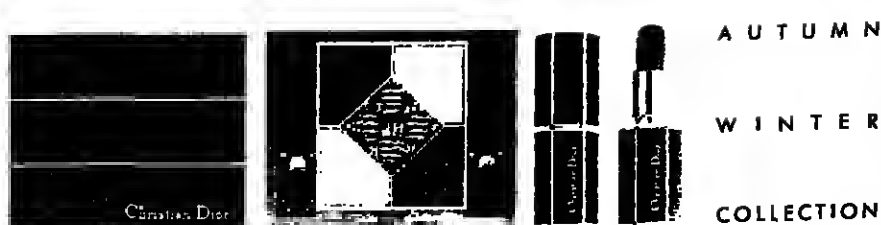
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Aquino postpones local elections

MANILA, Sept. 23, (Reuters) Philippine President Corazon Aquino has announced she is postponing until next May nationwide local community elections set for November because of communist rebel activities.

"Our armed forces reported that in many areas the insurgents are bent on controlling the electoral process, resorting to force and violence if necessary, and that many lives will again be lost," she told reporters.

More than 100 people died in elections last January for provincial governors and mayors. The military blamed much of the violence on insurgents.

Aquino said there was concern that rebels would disrupt voting in 7,800 of the 42,000 municipal districts.

Overseas calling rates to be halved from Oct 1

By Fathima Ahmed

OVERSEAS telephone charges will go down effective Oct 1, according to Khalid Al Houti, assistant undersecretary at the Ministry of Communications.

Overseas call charges are expected to be slashed by half during non-peak hours (at night) and on holidays. The actual reductions, which will vary from one country to another, will be announced shortly.

There had been considerable pressure to introduce half-rates during non-peak hours. Houti said the charges will vary from country to country "because of mutually agreed rates by Kuwait and the other countries."

Meanwhile, subscribers have been complaining about delays in getting telephone connections in Farwaniya and a new suburb

known as Al Uyoun. Al Houti said the ministry is aware of their problems and is trying to expand and upgrade services.

Hundreds of subscribers are still waiting for connections in the Farwaniya area. Al Houti said: "If we have about 600 lines the demand is for 3,000 in Farwaniya."

Now the ministry is diverting telephone lines to the newly installed Juleeb Al Shiyoohk exchange, which has a surplus of over 10,000 lines, he said.

By April next year, the ministry will be able to provide nearly 10,000 more telephone lines to Farwaniya area, he said.

Al Houti admitted that the present exchanges are being under-utilised and are working below capacity. The capacity at new exchanges in south Sabahiya, Shuwaikh and Juleeb Al

Shiyoohk is nearly 90,000. According to a reliable source, there are only 10,000 lines at some exchanges.

Al Houti explained that installation of exchanges takes about 18 months. But laying underground cables takes much longer because it involves working on land owned by several ministries. The work on what is known as the "rehabilitation network," or simply upgrading, is already under way, he said.

The upgrading of the underground cable network has cost the ministry KD 21 million. "We are developing 80 per cent of all telephone services in Kuwait," he said.

In the last four years, the ministry has spent over KD 50 million to improve telephone services, supplied to over 90 per cent of households in Kuwait.

Japanese tankers sailing to Kuwait terminal again

SINGAPORE, Sept 23, (KUNA): Ship owners and the Seamen's Union in Japan agreed to resume sailing Japanese-maned tankers to Kuwait's main Mina Al Ahmadi crude oil export terminal on Sept 15, according to the Oil and Gas News weekly newspaper.

The petroleum industry weekly, published in Hong Kong, was made available to delegates attending the Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference which ended here yesterday.

An article in its current issue headed "Japan tankers resume Gulf trips" said: "Although Japanese non-tanker ships resumed sailing to Kuwait on Aug 24, several days after the Iran-Iraq ceasefire agreement came into force, Japan was slow to restart tanker services to Kuwait."

Attributing the report to shipping sources in Japan, the weekly said about 70 tankers from other

countries have sailed to Kuwait in the past month.

Japanese tankers are now sailing only as far as the neutral zone port of Khafji, south of Kuwait, the report said.

It quoted shipping and oil industry sources as saying some Japanese refiners are considering increasing purchases of Kuwaiti crude oil under term contracts after tankers resume services.

The report said Japanese term buyers of Kuwaiti oil currently pay a freight premium of 25 US cents per barrel for shipments from Mina Al Ahmadi to Safer Khor Fakkan of the United Arab Emirates.

The ship owners, the union and the Japanese government also agreed to lift some of the remaining mandatory safety measures covering Gulf sailings by Japanese ships, including passing through the Strait of Hormuz at fixed times, it added.

Iraq begins fund-raising campaign to rebuild Faw

BAGHDAD, Sept 23, (AP): Iraq yesterday started a national fund-raising campaign for the reconstruction of its southern port city of Faw.

Iraqi officials said donation centres were set up nationwide to collect "financial and material" contributions for the reconstruction of Faw. The city is regarded as a symbol of victory over Iran, whose forces held it for two years.

The centres will be opened in the local offices of the ruling Baath party, said an official who asked not to be identified.

A special committee was formed earlier this month to supervise the fund-raising campaign, which is expected to

cover Arab countries as well.

The committee is headed by Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan, who issued a statement Tuesday calling on Iraqis to contribute to the fund. Plans for the money include setting up a construction company that will rebuild the Faw peninsula.

"The contribution to the reconstruction of Faw will be recorded in the annals of history as a great honour for those who will donate to the fund," said Ramadan in his statement carried by the state-run media.

The committee has not yet decided how much money it would need to rebuild the city, completely destroyed in the 8-

year war.

Ramadan also called on Arabs to contribute in the rebuilding of Faw which he described as "the first Arab city liberated from foreign occupation in modern times."

Iraq captured Faw after its population fled in Feb 1986. But the Iraqis recaptured the peninsula in April this year, starting a series of battlefield victories in which they regained control over all their previously occupied territories.

The war ended in a ceasefire Aug 20 and peace talks are scheduled to resume in New York in the first week of Oct.

Ceasefire increases ships visits to Iranian ports

NICOSIA, Sept 23, (Reuters): Commercial shipping visiting Iran's previously besieged port of Bandar Khomeini at the head of the Gulf has shown a dramatic increase in the month since a ceasefire came into effect in the Iran-Iraq war.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted a ports customs official as saying 13 vessels carrying wheat, fertiliser and metal had anchored at the port since the Aug 20 ceasefire, compared to 32 during all of 1987.

Merchant ships trying to reach Bandar Khomeini during the eight-year war were often attacked by Iraqi fighter-bombers and the port became a virtual no-go zone.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, also quoted Iran's Deputy Finance Minister and head of customs Mahmoud Ardekani as saying that after reconstruction work began in the war-hit western Khuzestan province, customs offices would open in three ports.

He said customs facilities in Khorramshahr, Abadan and Bandar Khomeini will help local exports.

Bahrain praises Saudi role for closer ties with Qatar

BAHRAIN, Sept 23, (Reuters): Bahrain's Crown Prince called for a correction in ties with Qatar and praised Saudi Arabia's role in bringing the two Gulf states closer.

"The rising generations are responsible for correcting any error (in relations with Qatar)," Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa told the Saudi Arabian newspaper Asharq Al Awsat.

He was referring to a territorial dispute with Qatar over a cluster of islands in the Gulf.

Mediation

Sheikh Hamad, who is also head of the Bahrain Defence Force, praised Riyadh's intervention and mediation which brought the two sides closer at a time "when things could have gotten worse."

He expressed optimism over

what he described as the new method of co-operation on the highest levels with Qatar.

The Qatari Crown Prince and Defence Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani was warmly welcomed in Bahrain on Wednesday and the Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa, was at the airport to receive him.

Resolve

With the help of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar agreed to take their dispute to the International Court of Justice in The Hague but a date has not been set yet.

Diplomats said the two states and Saudi Arabia might attempt to resolve the dispute when leaders of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), of which they are members, come to Bahrain in December for a summit.

9,750 families receive aid

THE Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour provided more than 9,750 needy families with monthly social aid amounting to some KD 3.8 million during the second quarter of this year, a report released by the ministry has said.

The beneficiaries included elderly people, orphans,

widows, divorced women, patients and the families of those serving prison terms.

Meanwhile, the ministry report said KD 1.5 million was given to 8,738 families for house allowances during the same period. This category included Kuwaitis waiting for the government houses they applied for.

Newspaper praises Iraq for re-opening ports

LONDON, Sept 23, (KUNA): Iraq's post-war determination and success in opening up its ports to shipping was acknowledged in a report here today.

Iraq gave high priority to clearance of the approaches to Umm Qasr and Khor Al Zubair, noted the specialist newspaper Lloyd's List.

It said that several vessels have already been freed from the ports' approaches — "no small achievement given that the ceasefire came into operation just a month ago."

Lloyd's added: "Not only

Indian hangs self

AN Indian national committed suicide by hanging himself at his home at Al Salmiyah, according to a local daily.

The deceased, identified as Davidson Daniel, worked as a laboratory technician at the Ministry of Public Health, was 34 years of age, married with no children.

Investigations revealed that he was suffering from mental disorders and had been treated at the Psychiatric hospital.

Further investigations are in progress.

that, but the port of Umm Qasr is already back in operation, and plans to re-activate Khor Al Zubair are well advanced."

In a separate report, the London-based daily noted that Iranian tankers on the shuttle between Kharg and Larak islands were once again being insured on the London market for the first time in four years.

The ceasefire in the Gulf, and the end of "incessant" and effective Iraqi air strikes against Iran's tankers, led marine underwriters to accept the risks, said Lloyd's.

It quoted "market sources" who said that at least six tankers owned by the National Iranian Tanker Co. have "been covered commercially in London in the past few days."

Insurance rates to most parts of the Gulf were halved since the ceasefire, an announcement, Lloyd's added.

The daily also noted that the Iranian Navy began to clear mines from international waters in the Gulf.

There's still time to join classes

GHOLUOM Al Attar, the director of social services and further education at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, has said that applications are still welcome from those who wish to join courses in the new session beginning on Oct 8.

Those who want to register for these courses should call the Faculty of Commercial Studies during office hours from Saturday to Wednesday next week.

Al Attar said that 1,648 people have registered so far and he expects this number of increase to 1,800 by the end of registration.

He praised citizens and expatriates who have registered for these courses despite the increase in fees this year.

Al Attar also pointed out that the authority will offer courses for Ahmadi residents at Hisham Ibn Al Aas School in Sabahiya. The authority will also open three branches for men's swimming lessons in the next session.

Two new courses, one in physical exercise and the other in first aid, will also be offered. He noted the importance of these courses for families and members of the public.

Twelve countries agree on electric power network

ELECTRICITY undersecretaries from 12 Arab Asian countries, including Egypt, agreed on Tuesday to connect electrical networks between Arab eastern countries.

Electricity undersecretaries of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iraq, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, South Yemen, North Yemen and Egypt began meeting on Monday in Kuwait. The officials discussed and underlined the importance of the project and their countries' concerns.

The project will be financed by the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD). A study on the project was completed by AFESD, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and King Fahd University for Petroleum and Mines.

Advantage

The network will be the first step toward linking all eastern Arab countries with the Arab Maghreb, with Egypt as the junction.

The chairman of the committee in charge of the network between the Gulf Co-operation Council countries (GCC), Jameel Alawi discussed the technical and economic advantages

of a electricity network among the GCC states. The network will reduce the needed electricity reserve from 28 per cent to 18 per cent, he told conference.

The committee chairman added that the preliminary cost of linking the Gulf states, is \$1.6 billion.

The first stage of the project will be collecting data from each country concerned with the project.

GCC official meets foreign affairs expert

THE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saad Al Othman yesterday received the GCC's Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs Saad Bin Hashel Al Maskari.

The Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Sulman Majed Al Shaheen also received Al Maskari.

Both meetings were attended by the Director of GCC Affairs at the Foreign Ministry Khalid Al Jarallah.

An informed source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told the Kuwait News Agency that Al Maskari discussed the peace negotiations between Iraq and Iran, and the implementation of UN Resolution 598.

The source said that the talks also covered the upcoming GCC meeting in Bahrain next December.

Belgium to withdraw minesweeper from Gulf

BRUSSELS, Sept 23, (AP): Belgium will withdraw its last remaining minesweeper in the Gulf by the end of the year, Defence Minister Guy Coens said yesterday.

His announcement came exactly one year after two Belgian minesweepers — the Breydel and the Bovesse — and the supply ship Zinnia left for the Gulf to help keep that waterway clear of mines at the height of the Iran-Iraq war.

The three ships operated in the waterway as part of a Belgo-Dutch minesweeping and bunting flotilla, but have since returned home and have been replaced by another minesweeper, the Crocus.

"The situation in the Gulf today is such that our ships can come home," a Defence Ministry spokesman said, referring to the end of the Iran-Iraq war.

Coens, visiting Belgian Army units at NATO's annual fall manoeuvres in eastern Belgium, said the Crocus, would likely return home by mid-November.

Indian sentenced for bootlegging

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced an Indian national to three-and-a-half years to be followed by deportation for distilling and selling alcohol.

The court was told that CID men suspected the accused who lived with his mother in Rumaihiya. A search of the premises revealed bootlegging paraphernalia in the mother's room.

The accused claimed that these instruments belonged to his mother and he was not involved in the activities. The mother supported the claim of her son.

She said she was selling 20 to 30 bottles of liquor a month for eight dinars each.

However, evidence of the CID men indicated that the son was the only one involved and the mother was only trying to protect him.

The court upheld the evidence of the prosecution and acquitted the mother.

Plan to make Kuwait green to cost KD416m

THE national plan to make Kuwait green will cost an estimated KD416 million in the first seven years of the project, according to a local daily.

The money will be used to plant 459 hectares.

Another 247 hectares will be planted over 12 years and will cost an estimated KD480 million, in addition to maintenance costs.

Kuwaiti authorities are considering both a long-term and a shorter term plan to beautify the country.

One plan is for five to seven years and the long-term project will take seven to 20 years.

ISP resolves its problems, official says

ALL complaints by parents of the children attending the International School of Pakistan (ISP) have been settled, according to Dr. Yaqub Al Sharrar, the assistant undersecretary for Private Education Affairs at the Ministry of Education.

Speaking to a local daily, Al Sharrar confirmed that appointments of teaching staff at private, foreign or Arab schools is done through the Ministry of Education.

The ISP is a Kuwaiti sponsored school, offering a Pakistani educational system, under the supervision of the Ministry of Education, he added.

Health minister to visit Damascus

HEALTH Minister Dr. Abdul Razzak Youssef Al Abdul Razzak left for Damascus yesterday on an official visit that includes talks with his Syrian counterpart on boosting bilateral relations in the medical field.

Dr. Abdul Razzak, who is visiting at an invitation from Syrian Health Minister Dr. Ziad Al Shati, will discuss enhancing health and medical relations between the two Arab countries.

The Kuwaiti minister will also visit medical institutions and discuss an exchange of expertise.

The minister is accompanied by the secretary-general of the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations and the director of the minister's office.

Ministry suspends caravans' licences

THE licences of five Kuwaiti pilgrimage caravans have been suspended and withdrawn and the security deposits of four of them have been confiscated by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

A ministerial committee has been looking into complaints during the last Haj of mismanagement and low-standard catering services provided to pilgrims by some caravans and other violations of Ministry rules.

The same committee will discuss complaints from pilgrims against 15 other caravans in its meeting in the first week of October.

Scientists dispel fears of oil spill in the Gulf of Oman

MUSCAT, Sept 23, (AP): US scientists have dispelled fears of a major oil spill in the Gulf of Oman after thousands of dead fish were washed ashore along the coast of Oman this week.

The scientists at Muscat's Marine Science and Fisheries Centre said yesterday that laboratory tests showed that the fish died of oxygen depletion caused by a sharp proliferation of phytoplankton — microscopic single-cell plants — following an upwelling, a major shift in the marine environment.

"An upwelling occurs when the top layer of water moves due to wind activity, causing water from the depths to rise to the surface, bringing with it nutrients such as phosphates and nitrates," a marine centre spok-

esman said. He cannot be named under centre regulations.

"These encourage the growth of phytoplankton which multiply at a tremendous rate, using up oxygen reserves," he added.

"The overall effect was that fish could not survive in an oxygen-depleted environment. Upwellings also bring up cooler water which can adversely affect fish because of the sudden change in temperature," he said.

Alarm

"Ordinarily upwellings are good for the ecosystem as they maintain the food chain, the fish feeding on zooplankton which feed on phytoplankton. But a disproportionate number of the later could upset the balance," the spokesman said.

The oil spill alarm was raised by villagers who reported large numbers of dead lobsters, eels and fish washed up on beaches and a discolouration of coastal waters.

Oman's 1,063-mile (1,700 kilometre) coast lies on the busy tanker lanes from the Gulf.

The US marine scientists are under contract to develop Oman's fisheries research programme which includes conservation, ecology, oceanography, biological research, food technology and sea farming.

Omani waters are rich in fish, providing a huge potential which has only been partially exploited so far. The present annual catch is 100,000 tons, but scientists believe that could be tripled without over-exploitation.

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 - 7.30 Valerie: this week, Valerie has to settle a dispute between her son and her daughter's ex-boyfriend
 - 8.00 News in English
 - 8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Into the Future." The town folk wait for the outcome of the beauty contest as the pilot declares his intention to leave town.
 - 9.30 Return to Eden: a documentary about tourism on the Seychelles island
 - 10.30 Bestseller: "A Place to Call Home." Starring: Robert Magnaton, Larry Smith. The story of an American who migrates to Australia in 1970.
 - 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
- MONDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
 - 6.10 Care Bear Cartoons
 - 6.30 Not Another Science Show: a look at the solar system
 - 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of news and views
 - 7.30 Charles in Charge: Charles disagrees with his girlfriend and decides not to talk to women. Comedy.
 - 8.00 News in English
 - 8.40 Miami Vice: "Lombard." A sly operator gets away after committing a series of crimes. Will the squad find evidence against him? Starring: Don Johnson
 - 9.30 Private Benjamin: "Beauty and the Beast." Judy helps a colleague accused of stealing and gets into trouble herself.
 - 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Cancer Move." Is he dead or isn't he? This is the question you ask after a singer is repeatedly reported dead, none of them last.
 - 10.30 The Equalizer: "Target of a Shadow." A target of a shadowy terrorist, innocent victims. Starring: Edward Woodward
 - 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
 - 6.10 Rubick's cartoons
 - 6.30 The Seal Morning: nature
 - 7.00 The Australian Ark: "Return to the Dreamtime." A look at the culture and heritage of Aborigines.
 - 8.00 News in English
 - 8.30 You and the Law: local show
 - 8.50 Magnum: "L.A." Part Two. Magnum is unable to stop the gang chasing his girlfriend. Starring: Tom Selleck
 - 9.30 Les Fugitifs de Marguerite: French series with Arabic sub-titles. Wilbur Wright arrives in Paris.
 - 10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Pipe Dreams." Larry and Bakli promise to do odd jobs in their neighbour's house. But things don't work the way they thought like them to.
 - 10.30 E.W. Feature film: "You Only Live Once." 1937. An innocent man is sent to prison on circumstantial evidence. In jail, he turns into a killer. Gripping drama, featuring Henry Fonda, Sylvia Sydney. Duration: 90 minutes
 - 12.00 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
 - 6.10 The Mouse Factory: cartoon series
 - 6.30 The Kids of Degrassi



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Poor Olympic coverage

KUWAIT Television's poor Olympic coverage has come in for criticism from viewers who are used to their TV sets for comprehensive coverage of the Seoul Games.

Hundreds of disappointed viewers told Arab Times that different sports are not sufficiently covered; highlights are abruptly cut and in some instances only the daily medals table is given. The emphasis on football by KTV has also been criticised by some viewers. In comparison, other networks in the Gulf, like Dubai, are showing more than three hours of various sports, in addition to the football matches.

The daily Olympic report is shown at different times every day on KTV 2, making it difficult for us to list it in the weekly schedule. Sometimes, a certain time is announced but the actual transmission opens before or after the scheduled hour.



Natalie Asphard: Varca Queen

French student is Varca Queen

By Peter D'Souza

A CHARMING and fun loving French student was crowned the Varca Queen on Thursday at the third annual social evening held by the Varca Sporting Centre.

Natalie Asphard did not seem to be a serious contender aiming for the crown. But her casual style and intelligent replies to the MC's questions were sufficient for the judges to declare her a winner.

Heena Chahiani, a former Miss Varca, was chosen the runner-up. Heena has managed to maintain her looks and charm despite marriage. She is an

aerobics instructor in Kuwait with heart set on becoming an air hostess. Heena loves music and dancing. Unfortunately, the organisers did not provide her with a runner-up sash.

More than 25 women competed for the Varca Queen crown; only 11 could make it to the finals.

Unlike other such events, the Varca social evening was sparsely attended with several tables unoccupied. The fancy dress competition, announced by the organisers, was cancelled due to shortage of competitors.

Top Ranks and Stepping Stones provided music during the dancing session.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THU: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - THU: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

EDUCATION

Books & Software Show
SEPT 24-25: British Council, Mansouriyah, 9 am to 5 pm. 5-8 pm. Computers and Application, an exhibition of books and software. Selected titles on show. Organised by British Council in association with Kuwait Bookshops Company. All are welcome.

THEATRE

Alice in Wonderland
SEPT. 25/26: Kuwait English School, Salwa, 10 am: Kuwait Players audition for adults (14 roles) the musical fantasy, Alice in Wonderland. It will be performed in January next year. Those attending auditions - adults and children - are requested to call 564-0102 in advance.

NATIA
SEPT 29/30: IAC, Funatees: 5.30 National Art Theatre of Indians abroad (NATIA) presents Indian dance festival. Folk and classical dance from different regions in India. Opening on Thursday, closing ceremony on Friday.

Konkani Drama
OCT 7: IAC, Funatees, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximter". Written and directed by Cajetan De Sanyordem, Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm, Mousetrap Theatre: The Mousetrap group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim - 2627643; Dr Hyder - 5625456; Heron - 4893424.

MUSIC

Country Western Musical
SEPT 27: Gala Night of KLT and ACT's annual Country Western Musical 7.30 pm, at KLT, Ahmedi.

Sept 28 and 29, night shows, 8 pm.

Sept 30: matinee at 5 pm. For bookings call 5727558; 5712033; 5620332.

East meets West
OCT 6: IAC, 6.30 pm: "East meets West", a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western Music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by pass: Tel: 2409250; 4743984 or IAC - 3904817.

Beal Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funatees, 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beal Show: four hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands - City Limits, 5th

Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Gulf Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity", one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

SOCIAL

SEPT 24, SAS Hotel, 10.30 am: Contact Ladies Information Group meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details phone 487-4513 or 5388105.

Sounds Great Party
SEPT 29: Messiah Beach Hotel, 8 pm: Sounds Great group's "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait", dance party. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Kuwait Welsh Society
OCT 5: 8 pm. Kuwait Welsh Society social evening. For further details Tel: 371-3467.

D'Assisi Association
OCT 7: Holy Family Cathedral, 8 am: D'Assisi Association's 8th annual thanksgiving mass. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin - 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry - 3291909 (am).

Guan Fiesta 88
OCT 13: Messiah Beach Hotel, Habiba Ballroom: Guan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 481-3740.

Flasick/Kapitku
OCT 22: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 6 pm: Kapitku and Flasick will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna - 653-4200; Florence - 243-9451; Jojo - 902-9593.

HOTELS

At the SAS
At Bustan: Friday brunch for families, 11.30 am to 3 pm. Polish duo Danuta and Feliks provide music.

Special promotion:
"Shrimps around the world", until Sept 23, shrimps in cashew nut, shrimps curly, Boston shrimps pie and "deep fried ice cream".

Peacock Room: new Chinese food menu introduced by chef Von Kwee Kiong. It features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

At the Hilton
La Patisserie: 10.30 am to 10.45 pm: Olympic Promotion. Watch Olympic games on TV sets placed in lobby and restaurant. Light snacks and desserts are on offer.

Fajlaka Rest: lunch: 12.30-3 pm; dinner: 7.30 - 11.30 pm; Olympic Recommendation, until Oct 2, in addition to normal grazing menu.

At the Kuwait Plaza
Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice cream festival: light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Bosphorus: a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 3.30 Holy Quran
- 3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial
- 4.10 World News via Satellite
- 4.40 Bagaya Huttam: Arabic serial, starring Juliet Awad, Rahih Shihabi, Dawood Jalajal.
- 5.40 Cartoons
- 6.10 Songs and Music
- 7.05 Noor Al Islam: "Taleem Al Kibar." Religious programme, presented by Ahmad Abdul Qader.
- 8.00 Variety Show
- 8.30 Hamat Al Watan: Al Ittihad At Riyada Wal Askari.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Al Shara'a Maksoor: Arabic serial, starring Hassan Yusuf, Nawal Al Futuh, Mustafa Falmi, Osama Abbas.
- 10.50 Al Duniya Madhak Mubki: "Harat Al Baladi." Starring: Hani

Rumani, Najah

Hafiz, Salah Qassas, Hala Husni.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Duck Tales: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Sam's Luck: A paying guest comes to stay with Sam and the family.
- 7.00 World of Survival: nature.
- 7.30 ALF: "Working My Way." Alf wants to leave home but not before doing the chores.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Simon and Simon: "Something Special." An angry former employee threatens a female engineer. Starring: Jameson Parker and Gerald McRaney.
- 9.30 Beyond 2000: a look at new technology

including a multi-purpose plane, motor-cycle developed for racing, manual pump and new building design.

10.30 TV Movie: "For Us the Living." Dramatisation of a period of civil rights history in southern US. Medgar Evers was one of the charismatic leaders of the movement and was assassinated in June 1963. This is not just another civil rights drama. It's the moving story of a flesh-and-blood man with an earnest dedication to an unpopular cause. Starring: Howard Rollins Jr., Irene Cara, Margaret Avery, Roscoe Lee Brown.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsweek
- 30 Personal View
- 45 Recording of the Week
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Juste Plain Madness (ex 3rd)
- 45 Nature Notebook
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 People and Politics
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Europe's World
- 45 Business Matters
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 Here's Humph (ex 17th and 24th Sportsweek)
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Personal View

- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Meridian
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 From the Weeklies
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sport
- 45 Personal View (ex 17th and 24th Sportsweek)
- 1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph
- 15 Letter from America
- 30 People and Politics
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Lyrics and Lyrics (ex 3rd)
- 30 The A-Z of Hollywood
- 30 Meridian
- 1200 Radio Newsweek
- 15 Multitrack 3
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behereen Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1925 Press Report
- 1940 Jalalz
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Dhanak
- 2100 Closedown

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- Al Ayoun Pharmacy Shuwaikh Commercial Centre, Main St.
- Jalra
- Al Khalid Pharmacy Opp. Co-operative Society

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- My Lucky Stars
- Starring: Jackie Chan, Sam Hung
- Al Sahmya
- Burglar
- Starring: Whoopi Goldberg
- Al Hama
- Nahar Al Khauf (Arabic)
- Starring: Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Noora
- Drive-In
- Khat Al Shaitan (Arabic)
- Starring: Suhair Ramzi, Karam Mutawa, Mohammad Wafiq
- Al Firdous
- Sani Seal Baad (Hindi)
- Starring: Suresh Oberoi, Navin Nischol, Sharmila Tagore
- Al Fahadhel
- Kottum Kuravayum (Malayalam)

- Fahadhel Open-Air
- Hum Tere Ashiq Hain (Hindi)
- Al Jahra
- Action Jackson
- Granada
- Le Gendarme de Saint Tropez (French)
- Salaikhbat
- Al Kamasha (Hindi)
- Al Jeeb
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Dukakis campaign faltering in Texas

By Jeff Franks

HOUSTON, (Reuter): Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis' campaign for the Nov 8 election is in trouble in Texas — a crucial state because no Democrat has won the presidency without carrying Texas.

According to opinion polls and political experts, Dukakis is faltering because Texans dislike his liberal image and he has failed to win the confidence of the local oil industry.

The opinion polls show the race is still competitive, but they also indicate a slowly widening lead for the Republican candidate, Vice-President George Bush. Some recent surveys say Bush is ahead by as much as 10 points in Texas.

Similar findings in neighbouring Louisiana, another oil-producing state with a troubled economy, indicate that Dukakis has not been able to capitalise as much as he would like on the oil industry's unhappiness with the Reagan administration.

Lead
Bush's lead is not insurmountable, but political experts told Reuters that Dukakis must do something to inspire more enthusiasm if he is to have a chance in the region.

"It's still close enough that anything can happen, but the state is clearly leaning toward George Bush," said James Dyer of Texas A.M. University's public policy research laboratory.

No Democrat has won the presidency without carrying Texas, which accounts for 29 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the election. Louisiana has 10 electoral votes.

The winner of the popular vote in a state captures all of the state's electoral votes. Texas, which is home to both Bush and Democratic Vice-President candidate Senator Lloyd Bentsen, has the third largest block of electoral votes.

Incompatibility
The selection of Bentsen as his running mate has helped Dukakis in Texas, but political analysts say the Massachusetts governor is being dragged down by basic philosophical incompatibility with Texas voters.

Bush has hurt Dukakis by successfully branding his rival as a

"classic 1960s style liberal." "Gun control, the death penalty, the pledge of allegiance, furloughs for criminals... those issues have hurt Dukakis," Dyer said in reference to Bush's suggestions that the Democrat codifies criminals and is insufficiently patriotic.

Dukakis has compounded the problem by not responding well, political experts said.

"I think he's being out-issued. They are letting the Republicans define the issue, which is the cardinal sin of any presidential campaign," said Austin-based political consultant George Christian, who served as White House press secretary to Democratic President Lyndon Johnson.

Mistake
Christian said Dukakis made a mistake by citing constitutional arguments in defence of his 1977 veto of a measure that would have required his state's school teachers to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag.

"He needs to face the patriotism issue squarely instead of being legalistic about it," Christian said.

And Dukakis has generally failed to ally doubts among oil industry leaders that he understands their problems.

Many in the energy industry have complained bitterly about the policies of the Reagan administration, which led to early optimism for the Dukakis ticket when he selected Bentsen, who is a favourite of oil and gas producers.

Opposes
But Dukakis opposes fees on oil imports and is an outspoken critic of offshore drilling — placing himself on the wrong side of both issues as far as the oil industry is concerned.

Oilmen are personally comfortable with Bush, who spent his early adult years in the Texas oil drilling business.

"Bush knows the energy industry and can create a better climate for the independent. Dukakis does not know anything about energy," said Houston independent oilman Michael Halbouty.

For Dukakis to win in Texas he needs a higher than usual turnout from Hispanics and blacks, who generally vote heavily Democratic.

though this is the first time he will have wielded direct power.

Political sources said Avril was favoured by Washington among Haiti's military leaders and visited the United States on Sept 4. The purpose of the visit was not clear, the sources said.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said on Sunday it was too soon to say what the US position towards the Avril government would be. "We are still examining the composition of the new government," he said.

Avril's ability to survive the shifting alliances in Haitian government saw him topple his one-time ally Namphy and join forces with Colonel Jean Claude Paul, a long-time rival of Namphy.

Paul was seen alongside Avril at the nationwide address on Sunday, though he did not speak.

The new leader's initial statements have been cautiously welcomed by the United States, which some political sources in Haiti believe encouraged the coup against Namphy.

Tensions
Avril's visit to the United States on Sept 4 was viewed as significant, since it came as tensions within the Army were at a new high and rumours of an imminent coup were commonplace.

"We have found the first statement made by Prosper Avril to be hopeful," a US embassy spokesman said in Port-Au-Prince.

Diplomatic sources said Avril is likely to be tough on the feared Tonton Macoutes, the secret police set up by Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier in the 1950s.

They noted that Avril was fired under Jean-Claude Duvalier by Lafontant, a noted Macoute militant.

The US embassy spokesman said Washington looked on Avril to work on human rights, improving the economy, moving towards civilian government and fighting drug traffic.

Presidential plebiscite approaches

By Richard Waddington

SANTIAGO, (Reuter): A Chilean policeman's club descends on the head of a defenceless demonstrator in a slow-motion camera shot.

The widow of one of hundreds of Chileans who "disappeared" during the long years of military rule dances alone, holding only a white handkerchief.

Television viewers are now seeing scenes like these, a sudden, painful glimpse of another side of Chilean life, after 15 years during which Chilean television stations aired virtually only what the military government wanted.

Slogans
The approach of a presidential plebiscite on Oct 5, in which Chileans will decide whether to grant President Augusto Pinochet eight more years in power, has brought a breath of unaccustomed political freedom.

The single-candidate poll is the first chance Chileans will have to issue a verdict on Pinochet, 72, who came to power in a 1973 coup. Every day recently, supporters and foes of the general have staged rival protests on Santiago streets.

Walls are daubed with

slogans, and street vendors tout badges bearing the words "si" or "no" do a roaring trade. But it is on television, where opposition faces have rarely appeared in 15 years, that the impact has been most remarkable.

The images and views parade across the screen for only 15 minutes, the time allotted to the opposition by electoral laws, but they have packed a powerful emotional punch.

Charges of human rights abuse, police violence and the social cost of economic development have been thrown into the propaganda mix, along with jokes and songs as the opposition attempts to persuade Chileans to vote "no" to Pinochet.

"They are saying things which the people are just not accustomed to hearing. It is strong emotional fare," said one 40-year-old businessman.

At least 1,500 people, mainly leftists, died in the coup which toppled the elected Marxist government of Salvador Allende of Sept 11, 1973. According to

the Roman Catholic Church, 600 more "disappeared" between 1974 and 1976.

When the broadcasts began on Sept 5, the official start of the campaign, human rights activists criticised the opposition for treading too softly on these issues. But as the television spots continued, the tone toughened.

"Both these men are Chileans. They both want peace," read the caption over the image of a policeman clubbing a cowering demonstrator.

"The programmes are designed to be happy and optimistic while posing the delicate themes with dignity," said Genaro Arriagada, secretary-general of the "Command for the No," grouping 16 opposition parties campaigning to defeat Pinochet.

The show is not aired until around 11 pm, but audience figures show over four million Chileans, more than half the country's electorate, have tuned in. The potential impact has not been lost on the government's campaign organisers.

In the government campaign

propaganda, the opposition theme song, "Chile, happiness is coming," accompanies scenes of street violence, underlying the pro-Pinochet forces' message — that the opposition represent political chaos.

Trailing
Opinion polls, carried out before the campaign began, tend to show Pinochet trailing in major cities, although the military fares better in the smaller towns and rural areas.

If he fails to win 50 per cent of the vote, Pinochet will remain in power for another year during which he must call a multi-candidate presidential election.

But the military government, which views the plebiscite as marking Chile's transition to democracy, has made clear there are limits to its tolerance.

When the opposition attempted to show an interview in which a local judge accused the Chilean secret police of torturing captured leftist guerrillas, the programme was barred.

"It reminds us that we are facing a dictatorship and not a fair

electoral fight," said socialist leader Ricardo Lagos. The military's decision to throw open the doors of television was one of a series of moves aimed at creating a more democratic image for Pinochet, who has ruled Chile longer than any one since independence in 1818.

After 15 years in which most Chileans shied away from political discussion, politics and the plebiscite are the topics of the day in bars and restaurants.

Shied
"Tell him 'No' for a 100 pesos (40 cents)," shouts a street seller hawkling badges.

"The 'No' is winning by miles. Every day I sell between 100 and 120 of these badges and no more than 10 for the 'Yes,'" said Victor Aguilera, 22, displaying the insignia pinned to his clothes.

Shortly before his nomination by his fellow armed forces chiefs, Pinochet lifted a series of states of emergency which had curbed civil liberties, including political meetings.

But even without emergency decrees, the government has enough rules on the books to control demonstrations.

Until recently, police would have rapidly broken up any political meeting but now they watch patiently as pro- and anti-Pinochet groups march in Santiago. They move in only when verbal exchanges appear to be headed towards physical clashes.

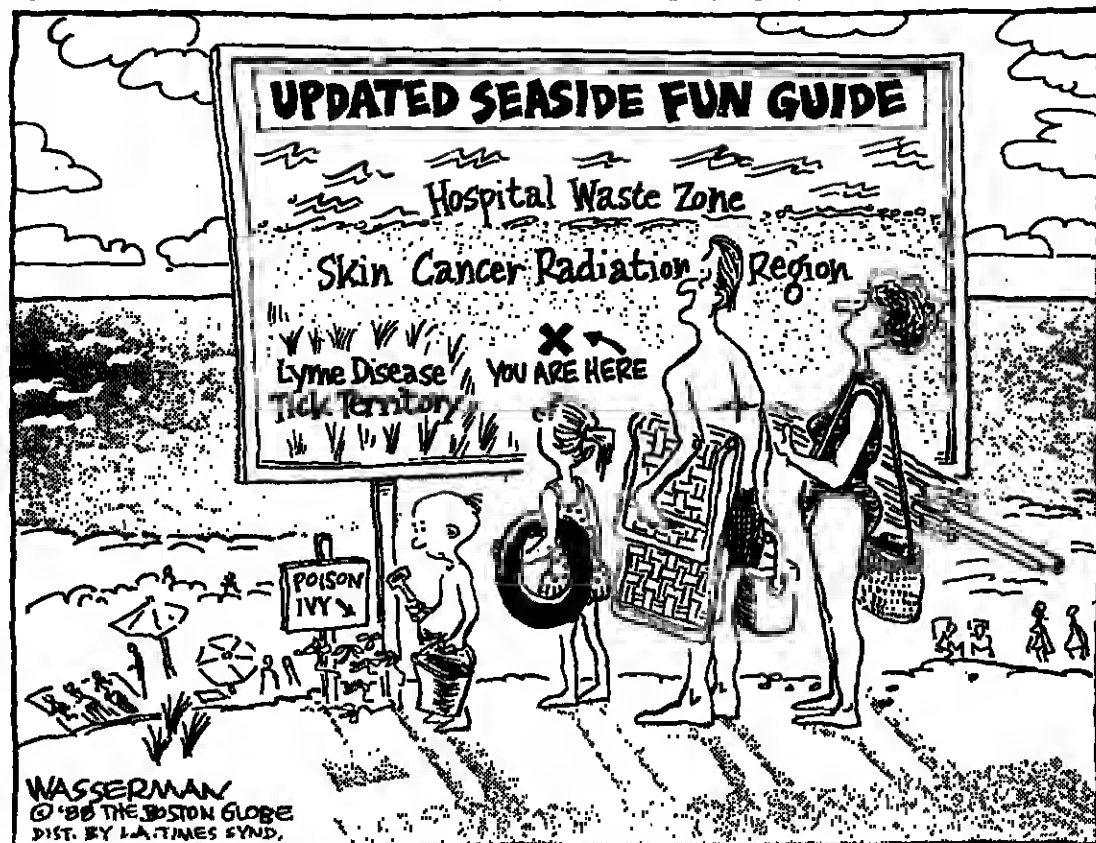
Clashes
The risk of violence lies behind the opposition decision to limit mass demonstrations in the capital, a staple of political life before the coup, sometimes drawing millions.

An opposition rally in central Santiago on Sept 4 drew 100,000 people, according to estimates by journalists.

The far-left attracted a crowd about half that size to another protest on the eve of the anniversary of the coup.

In smaller towns, where the opposition has been least active, thousands have turned out for anti-Pinochet rallies.

"The people are beginning to lose their fear and that is bad news for the government," said one opposition leader.



International efforts may be made to tackle Bangladesh floods

By Jadranka Porter

BAHANGDESHI Minister of Planning A.K. Khandakar has expressed hope that international action to prevent more devastating floods in the south Asian country will be taken by the end of the year.

Speaking to the Arab Times during a stopover in Kuwait on Thursday, Khandakar said he hopes an initiative will be launched soon to ensure regional co-operation and international support for flood control efforts.

Khandakar said the United Nations is considering a meeting in November to discuss floods in Bangladesh.

The world's top experts are working to pinpoint the causes of the floods in Bangladesh in a study sponsored by the government of Bangladesh and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Khandakar said. This year's floods have been the worst in the history of Bangladesh.

Experts have said that the recent floods were mainly caused by rainfall in northeast India draining through Bangladesh. Managing water flow from the melting snows of the Himalayas

and preventing annual floods in the lowlands of Bangladesh would also involve India, Nepal and China where rivers which overflow in Bangladesh originate.

Khandakar said the World Bank offered to help but no concrete proposal has been made as yet. The Asian Development Bank is also exploring ways of assisting Bangladesh, he said.

"I am confident that once the regional co-operation is established and the causes of the floods are established the financing to tackle the problem at its roots should be coming," he said.

He said that the international community can help the countries in the region devise a flood control system.

He also appealed to the international community for aid to repair the damage caused by floods.

"Massive effort and resources are needed both in short and medium term," he added. "But above all it is important that the world understands the magnitude of the devastation caused by the floods."

Khandakar said that relief aid is reaching all parts of the country with boats and helicopters

distributing food and medicines in different regions.

"There hasn't been a single death due to starvation," he said. Thousands of medical teams, foreign and Bangladeshi, are working round the clock to prevent disease from spreading.

He said that the Bangladesh government decided against diverting development funds to flood control, fearing that such action would create a series of problems resulting in time and cost overruns.

Most of Bangladesh's infrastructure projects completed in the last 12 years have been severely damaged by the floods.

The government plans for flood protection facilities are based on information pertaining to the most devastating flood in the past 30 years. But the magnitude of this and last year's floods proved to be well outside the official projections, Khandakar said.

Efforts are now focused on feeding the nation and managing health problems. Plans are also being made to carry out extensive dredging, rebuild embankment dams and increase the level of roads and railways. This can be only done with help from

Anti-immigrant feeling growing in Scandinavia

By Alan Elsner

STOCKHOLM, (Reuter): Anti-immigrant feeling is growing in the traditionally tolerant societies of Scandinavia.

It was dramatised in an overwhelming vote by 15,000 residents of the small Swedish town of Sjöbo to exclude foreign refugees from their community.

The "no to immigrants" vote in a referendum on Sunday, held in conjunction with a general election, provoked a spate of soul-searching among politicians and intellectuals.

"I was shocked, appalled, dismayed... I lay awake thinking about the vote all night," said Theodore Kalitadides, who came to Sweden from Greece as a young man and has become one of this country's best-known novelists.

"There is a risk that the result will encourage those anti-immigrant forces that have been lurking below the surface all around the country," said opposition Liberal Party leader Bengt Westerberg.

Problem
The problem is not confined to Sweden. A recent strong showing by extreme right-wing parties in Denmark and Norway has prompted similar anxieties there.

The majority of immigrants to Scandinavia arrive as refugees seeking political asylum. In the past year, the biggest groups have been Iranians, Chileans, Vietnamese, Lebanese and Poles.

Sweden took in about 17,500, more per capita than any other European country. Norway accepted 8,630 and Denmark 7,583. But both Norway and Denmark have stiffened their regulations to try to cut the number.

Denmark's Progress Party, a campaign on an anti-immigrant, anti-taxation platform, almost doubled its vote in a general election last May, winning 16 parliamentary seats.

Its leader Mogens Glistrup said on national television: "As long as we have high income tax in the country, that is what we have to fight."

The party appears to have strengthened its position since the election.

An opinion poll earlier this month said Glistrup's party would have won 39 seats in the

179-member assembly if an election had been held then, overtaking Prime Minister Poul Schlüter's Conservatives as the main party of the right.

Norway's Progress Party, which has similar policies, has also been riding high in the polls since coming third in local council elections last year.

Some recent surveys showed it running ahead of the main opposition Conservatives with about 23 per cent of the vote. Its leader Carl Hagen denies he is a racist, but insists that most immigrants to Norway are not refugees but spongers hoping to live off the welfare state.

"The government gives them free accommodation in hotels, clothes and pocket money, and they don't have to work," he told Reuters in an interview last year.

"They get their food in restaurants and don't even do the dishes."

Amette Thomassen of the Norwegian Organisation for Human Rights, who said that "other" explicitly racist organisations were springing up in Norway.

"They are small and they are amateurish but they are there," she said.

A self-declared fascist organisation called the New Sweden Movement took an active part in the anti-immigrant campaign in Sjöbo, where Swastikas were dangled on walls and pro-immigrant activists received death threats.

Burmese Army shrugs off world protests

By Joe Kaligbak

BANGKOK, (Reuter): International condemnation and threats of aid cuts have done little to restrain Burma's military leaders from accelerating their drive to crush popular dissent at gunpoint.

Diplomats in Rangoon said on Wednesday the Army was still shooting at civilian protesters to enforce a curfew and a ban on demonstrations imposed when it seized power on Sunday.

One said the continuing bloodshed raised questions of how long the government might last.

A Western ambassador said the shooting on Monday of several unarmed civilian protesters in front of the US embassy proved the military leaders did not care about their international image.

Another ambassador said he could not find words strong enough to condemn what was happening.

"In the long run this government cannot stay, that's for sure."

The question is only how much more bloodshed we will see," he said.

There were reports that student-led demonstrators were firing back with arms seized from police stations and an assortment of primitive weapons such as blowpipes, spears, slingshots and catapults.

The reports were sketchy and, in a city where walking on the streets nowadays is dangerous, difficult to check.

A diplomat said the US ambassador, Burton Levin, met "current authorities" on Tuesday to convey his government's disapproval at what was happening. Washington has said it was considering ending aid to Burma because of "violent repressions against demonstrators."

Britain, Burma's former colonial ruler, also condemned the shooting of civilians and called for a lasting solution to the crisis, which it said "can only come about if the Burmese people's desire for greater freedom and multi-party democracy is met."

Sihanouk moves to France to gear up for Kampuchean peace

By Vanora Bennett

PARIS, (Reuter): A dusty and deserted Paris mansion, once the home of the Kampuchean ambassador, will echo to the sound of Khmer voices again when it becomes the focus of efforts to bring peace to the troubled country after years of conflict.

Workmen are racing to complete repairs to the stucco mansion, shuttered for the past 13 years, in time for a new round of Kampuchean talks aimed at ending fighting in the Southeast Asian country.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, exiled former leader of Kampuchea and founder of the Kampuchean anti-Vietnamese guerrilla coalition, arrived in France on Tuesday to take up residence in Paris, moving his base from Beijing.

France has given Sihanouk the keys to the former Kampuchean ambassador's residence to symbolise its backing for the Prince's peace efforts.

Support
"France has been good enough to allow me to set up my home here and to give me firm and total support for the last battle, the last crusade of my life for... an independent, neutral and united Kampuchea," the

prince said in a recent statement. "This will be my permanent base from now on," he added.

The mansion in the leafy Avenue Charles Floquet on the left bank of the Seine has been empty since France broke off relations with Kampuchea, then ruled by the extremist Khmer Rouge.

The ebullient prince is scheduled to meet Hun Sen, prime minister of the Vietnamese-backed administration which drove out the Khmer Rouge in 1979, at the mansion on Nov 5.

Sihanouk resigned as head of the three-party Chinese-backed rebel coalition — which includes the Khmer Rouge — in July but remains the symbol abroad of a resurgent Kampuchea. His spokesman, Khék Sysoda, said the prince would still spend part of each year in Asia.

France does not officially recognise any of the warring Kampuchean factions, but its decision to give Sihanouk the keys to the mansion was widely seen as an endorsement of his peace efforts.

"France gave Sihanouk the keys to the embassy residence because he is seen as a symbol of the Khmer people," a foreign ministry spokeswoman said.

Hun Sen, prime minister of the government set up after the country was invaded by neighbouring Vietnam, has already met Sihanouk twice in the past year for peace talks at hotels near Paris.

Their efforts have gained momentum since Vietnam, under pressure from its superpower backer the Soviet Union, pledged to withdraw its 100,000-man Army by 1990.

Persuade
China has named the Kampuchean conflict as the last barrier to a superpower summit between Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev and China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping.

But the peace initiative started by Sihanouk last year has been dogged by fears that the Khmer Rouge, whose brutal four-year rule under Premier Pol Pot has been blamed for the deaths of up to a million people, could storm

TODAY IN HISTORY

1513 — Tournai, Belgium, surrenders to English forces; Swiss Army attacks Dijon, France.
1568 — Spanish capture English ships and booty at San Juan, Puerto Rico, from fleet under Sir John Hawkins.
1688 — France's King Louis XIV declares war against Holy Roman Empire, called the War of the League of Augsburg.
1706 — Peace of Altranstadt between Sweden and Saxony whereby Sweden renounces Polish throne and recognises Stanislas Leszczynski, the pro-Swedish nominee.
1853 — France annexes New Caledonia.
1943 — Soviet Army crosses Dnieper River north of Kiev as German retreat in World War II.
1948 — First conference in London of Representatives from Britain's African colonies.
1966 — Moh ransacks and burns Portuguese embassy in Leopoldville in Congo.
1971 — Britain expels 90 Soviets for espionage activities.
1977 — United States and Soviet Union say high-level talks have narrowed their differences on proposed agreement limiting strategic bomber and missile forces.
1987 — Armed forces of Transkei seize control of one of South Africa's black homelands, ousting the prime minister.

Sky-high ivory prices attract poachers

Elephants: the killings continue

By Willie Newlands

FOR a woman who is just setting out on what promises to be a gruelling, life-long crusade, Cynthia Moss is very relaxed. Neat, smiling and with none of the wild-eyed look which marks the fanatic, this author and journalist is taking on the task of telling the world about the fate of her much-loved African elephants, which she has studied eyeball-to-eyeball for more than 18 years.

"The figures speak for themselves," she says. "The number of elephants is halving every eight to ten years. In 1979 there were 1.3 million elephants in Africa. Now there are fewer than 740,000. And illegal killing is entirely to blame. This is a poaching problem, fuelled by the demand for ivory, which is currently reaching nearly £35 a pound." She admits that the elephants are a long way from being an endangered species. But she is sure that they are losing their centuries of 'family knowledge' which has taught them where to go in their endless search for food, water and safety.

Cynthia feels close to her elephants. In Kenya's Amboseli National Park, she has seen them grow from new-born calves to early adulthood under ideal conditions they can live for 70 years — and has seen skittish young female mature into canny matriarchs with the weight of responsibility on their shoulders.

In her recently published

book, *Elephant Memories* she describes the tremendous thrill she still gets from watching her elephants greeting one another after they have been apart. "Somehow it epitomises what makes elephants so special and interesting."

She believes that elephants are not far short of chimpanzees or gorillas in their intelligence and the complexity of their social lives.

Temptations

"Can you imagine anyone dealing in chopped-off chimpanzee hands?" she asks. "Everyone would be outraged. But we allow dealing in ivory to go on almost unchallenged."

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Once you know elephants, that is just as appalling."

She stresses that the temptations, caused by the sky-high price of ivory make conservation difficult. "In lots of African countries, the people protecting the elephants in national parks are probably making no more than £150 a year," she says.

"When you realise that even a small pair of tusks is worth double that amount, you can see why they are so easily corrupted. And the tusks will be worth ten times as much on the open market."

So far, the 60-strong poach-

ing gangs, armed with Kalashnikovs, who are the modern executioners of the elephants, haven't reached Amboseli.

But Cynthia believes the battle will be won at a political level, rather than in the hush.

Even the most optimistic officials who oversee the ivory trade admit that more than 80 per cent has illegal origins.

Cynthia, now 47, was originally on the writing staff of a famous news magazine, and she has not lost the investigative instinct. She is sure there is an international conspiracy which turns a blind eye to the traffic in 'black' ivory.

She told me: "There are lots

of bits of paper which say that particular shipments of ivory are legal, but they are all forgeries."

"Burundi, in Central Africa, has no elephants of its own, but most of the illicit ivory is passed through the shops of two traders there, and goes on its way, well laundered, to the Gulf."

Dealers

"Over the past year or two, there has been some tightening up in the Far East, where most ivory is carved. Also, Japan and other countries are paying more attention to the documents."

"But to get around this, the dealers have moved the carvers — from India and China — into the Gulf States, where they can turn the tusks into carved ornaments, which need no documents at all."

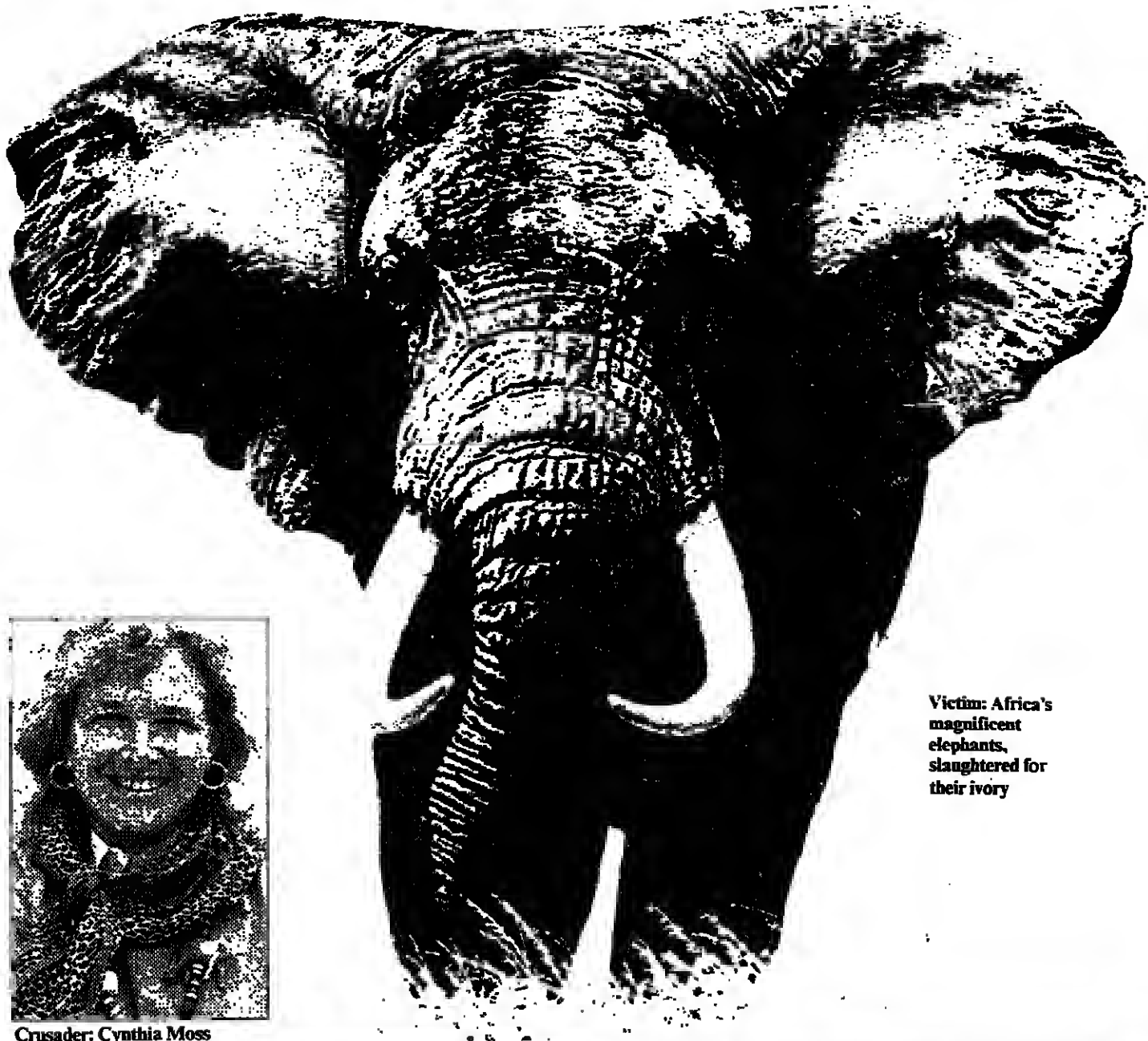
Cynthia now has a divided life. Months in the hush, with the family of Tusks, Tonic, Tilly, Toby, Tim and the rest, followed by tough tours in America and Europe, making people aware of the elephants plight.

Meanwhile farmers are pushing their way into elephant country and elephants continue to be slaughtered in horrifying numbers. In the vast Selous Game Reserve in Tanzania, almost unpopulated by humans because of disease carried by the tsetse fly, the 22,000 square miles had 110,000 elephants in 1976. Now there are only 55,000. And the killing goes on, prompted by booming ivory prices, which have gone up from £1 a pound to £35 a pound in 20 years.

Most of the elephants which survive the poachers' attacks are young, tuskless animals, too immature to know all the skills of life in the wild when drought or hard times strike. The 'database' of family knowledge dies with the experienced adults.

There is one tiny note of optimism. At Amboseli, a small reserve at the foot of Kilimanjaro, protection has been effective.

If her crusade succeeds, they may well have a future.



Victim: Africa's magnificent elephants, slaughtered for their ivory



Crusader: Cynthia Moss

Rhino poaching has South African links

By Philip Williams

NAIROBI (UPI) — South Africa, already under fire for alleged involvement in poaching Angolan elephants, is a growing source of illegal rhinoceros horn being sold to Taiwan, a leading conservationist charges.

Large quantities of the horn of the endangered species is being sold by South Africans to Taiwan, now becoming the world's most lucrative centre for the illegal rhino horn business, said conservationist Esmond Bradley Martin.

Bradley Martin, a New York-born consultant to the World Wildlife Fund, said a personal survey he made of the trade in Taiwan established that the retail value of Asian horn in Taiwanese drug stores — where it is sold openly as a popular medicine — was more than \$40,000 a kilo (2.2 lbs), African horn costs less.



A baby rhino and its mother: the rhino horn is used to make medicine, popular in Taiwan

Bradley Martin said he was shown so much stocked horn from both white and black rhino he was convinced the Taiwanese trade was one of the biggest threats to dwindling African and Asian rhinos.

"I know of nowhere else in the world where the final retail value of Asian rhino horn is higher than \$30,000 a kilo," he said. "There is a lot of money in it."

The Taiwanese trade is illegal under Taiwanese law but Bradley Martin said he saw little evidence the authorities are enforcing their 1985 legislation to ban trade in illegal, mostly poached, rhino horn.

He said lack of official records and the natural secrecy surrounding the trade made it difficult to assess how much horn Taiwanese dealers process every year. But he said he was convinced it amounted to "many hundreds of kilos." The



The white rhino: large quantities of the horn of this endangered species is being sent to Taiwan by South Africa

average African rhino horn weighs some 3.5 kilos (7.7 pounds).

Some was Asian horn from Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore, but he said traders admitted much was distinctive white rhino horn being brought in by Taiwanese couriers from South Africa.

Taiwan has close business ties with Pretoria and is one of the richest countries in Asia.

Both Taiwan and South Africa are signatories to an international agreement severely restricting trade in endangered animals or products taken from them. The agreement controls the legal trade in ivory and rhino horn through a quota system.

Bradley Martin said although South Africa has the world's highest white rhino population, he was convinced the horn was not all or even mostly South African. But he said he did not know its origin.

Other African conservationists who closely watch the international trade in rhino horn and ivory speculated much of the horn was from animals killed by illegal poachers in the Zambezi valley — in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique.

Allegations a South African connection in the illegal rhino horn trade came only a few days after the South African auth-

orities announced an internal Army investigation of charges that the south defence force was involved in the poaching of ivory in Angola.

Ivory poaching for a long while allegedly has been a fundraising source for the US-backed rebels of Jonas Savimbi's UNITA.

The unproven charges, made by a US conservationist and strenuously denied by UNITA, said the South African Army handled and sold huge quantities of UNITA-poached elephant tusks and was also banding other ivory shot in Mozambique.

Conservationists have long suspected that Renamo, the South-African backed rebel movement in Mozambique, also has been raising money by poaching ivory and small quantities of black rhino horn.

But the Mozambique civil war has been so intense since independence from Portugal in 1975 that experts have little idea what stocks of both elephant and rhino are left in the country. The guess is perhaps 300 rhino.

Zimbabwe has a few hundred well-protected white rhino and about 1,700 black rhinos — the biggest single concentration in the world. Zambia had a healthy black rhino population of 8,000 animals 20 years ago.

Rush for AIDS cure threatens chimps

By Robin Johnston

BOSTON — Conservationists are concerned that pressure to come up with an AIDS vaccine will reduce the already thinning population of wild chimpanzees.

Chimpanzees are used for biomedical research in several countries around the world because of their similarity to humans — 99 per cent of the chimpanzee genome overlaps with that of man.

Meanwhile, the total wild-chimp population in Africa, the only continent where the species are indigenous, has dropped to between 100,000 and 200,000 according to Geza Teleki, chairman of the Committee for Conservation and Care of Chimpanzees, a group of international scientists and chimp experts. Fifty years ago there were millions.

The Jane Goodall Institute, the World Wildlife Fund, and the Humane Society filed a petition in November with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to get the two threatened chimp species reclassified as endangered. In the United States, chimpanzees have been considered threatened, but not endangered, since 1976. Both categories are covered by the Endangered Species Act.

The service so far has said that the petition contains "substantial information indicating that the requested action may be warranted." It will issue an initial finding later this year after receiving public comment. A final decision will be made after a second round of public comment.

Some scientists say chimps are invaluable for AIDS research.

Intelligence

"They are the only animals in which HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) will grow ... although the animals don't get sick from it," says Thomas Wolfe, director of the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources at the National Academy of Sciences. Dr Wolfe says no chimps have died from the disease.

Animal-welfare groups claim the chimps' genetic similarities with man and the species' intelligence and human-like behaviour make the use of these animals for medical research particularly



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unethical. But several conservation groups make clear that they are not opposed to AIDS research that uses chimpanzees already being held for research, provided they are well cared for. It is the capture of more wild chimps that they oppose. Dr Teleki says that for every wild chimpanzee that is captured and successfully exported, five to 10 die in the process from disease, in transit — or because sometimes hunters shoot the mother chimp to capture the baby.

According to Robert Whitney, director of the Office of Animal Care and Use at the National Institutes of Health, there have been internal discussions at the NIH about developing "sources" of the animals in Africa. But he says the result of the discussions was that the NIH would continue its policy of not importing any.

For the conservationists, one of the most alarming figures in their petition is the severe drop in the Western African wild-chimp population from 1 million to 17,000 in the past 50 years. The reasons they cite for the decline, in addition to medical research, are that jungle habitats are being destroyed and that chimps have been hunted for food and captured for commercial purposes.

Making the chimpanzee and endangered species would "send a significant conservation message that the US is

In 1986, IMMUNO imported from Sierra Leone 20 chimpanzees allegedly caught in the wild. In January 1988, the CITES secretariat issued a formal statement saying that the export from Sierra Leone did not "meet the requirements" of the convention and that the importation into Australia "was contrary to" the convention. Thus, it said, the transaction "was a violation of the provisions of the convention and also contrary to its spirit."

Affiliated

Teleki and other conservationists say there are indications that scientists affiliated with the National Institutes of Health have been involved in research in Austria, using those chimpanzees. But Dr Whitney of the NIH says that the institutes have had nothing to do with the animals.

Currently, wild-caught and captive-born chimpanzees cannot be imported into the US, even for scientific purposes, without a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service. Captive animals and products from them (such as blood serum) already inside the US have been exempt, however, from the requirement for a permit to move them in interstate commerce.

If the status of the chimpanzee were changed, controls on imports would remain essentially the same. But transportation of chimps in the US and products from them would no longer be exempt from the permit requirements.

In this case, conservationists worry that more stringent regulation of transport might actually increase the demand for chimps, because it would become harder to share them among facilities.

"A number of things might be done" to alleviate the problem of transporting chimps within the US, says Dr Nowak of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Permits could be issued to person wanting to move chimpanzees about in the US," he says. Then a permit would not be required every time a chimp or blood serum was moved. If that were done, "there would seem to be no adverse effects on research on chimps already in captivity."

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FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

OVERWEIGHT TEENS MORE LIKELY TO BE OVERWEIGHT ADULTS

QUESTION: I'm sure that a lot of concerned parents read your column and have the same problem. I have a teenage daughter who is a bit on the heavy side. I want to help, but wish to be sure I am doing the right thing. Is it really necessary for my teenager to lose weight?

ANSWER: That depends on your teenager's height, weight and general physical condition. Much has been made of teenage girls' unhealthy pre-occupation with weight and eating, which too often results in psychological problems, eating disorders and resulting physical effects. However, many experts believe that our psychologically "healthy" teens may be heavier than they should be, a trend that has taken shape over the past 20 years and that seems to be growing instead of diminishing, despite all the emphasis on fitness and healthy eating habits. In fact, obesity in adolescents has increased 39 per cent and affected 22 per cent of the 12-to-17-year-olds in this country over the past 15 to 20 years.

Why is this important? We all know that we feel better, both physically and psychologically, when we are the right weight. But overweight teenagers are especially vul-

nerable to the physical and emotional side effects of extra body fat, and the teen years are often a hard time to lose weight, because of the emotional growing up that takes so much energy and causes so much stress in the teen and his family. Also, teens who are overweight are much more likely to have weight problems as adults — more so than the overweight child.

Overweight teenagers often are caught in a distressing cycle of overeating, inactivity, social isolation, depression and parental conflict. The most effective intervention may come from a trusted teacher or adult friend, who is seen as an ally rather than a threat. Because of their adolescent bodies, teenagers have a special set of nutritional requirements that should be met while attempting weight loss. The best weight-loss programme (and the one that is most effective in the long run) is one that includes comprehensive assessment to identify the emotional and physical components of the problem. The programme should emphasise well-balanced nutrition, physical activity, psychological and family support, and provide long-term follow-up care. Such a programme is not easy to find, but your

family doctor should be able to get you started.

QUESTION: Why would a physician recommend a (D & C) for a patient?

ANSWER: A dilation and curettage (D & C) is a relatively simple diagnostic and therapeutic procedure in which the neck of the womb is expanded with a tool called a dilator, and the lining of the womb is scraped off with a spoon-shaped instrument called a curette. The lining then is studied in the lab to rule out any abnormal pathology, such as a benign or cancerous tumour.

Although D & C is used less frequently than it once was (to spare the patient the risks and costs of surgery) a physician still will recommend it for a few specific clinical situations. For instance, a D & C is used to clean out the uterus and/or reduce the amount of bleeding after a miscarriage. Also, if a potential problem is detected by biopsy in the office, if the patient is experiencing abnormal uterine bleeding, or if the office workup does not yield enough tissue for evaluation, a D & C is the best way to obtain an accurate diagnosis.

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Tracy Chapman: short on hype, plenty on talent

Tracy hits the high notes

By Keith Richmond

TRACY who? Tracy Chapman, that's who. And she is one of the biggest rising stars to come out of America in years.

The parents might be confused but the kids already know all about her. They've been rushing out to buy her records and queuing all day to see her in concert.

Three months ago she was unknown. Now her name is on the lips of teenagers in every continent.

"When you've managed Bob Dylan, you know the real thing when you hear it," says Elliot Roberts, who looks after the young black American.

"She's the real thing. She hasn't made it on hype. She's made it on talent."

"I always believed she would be a major act but never in my wildest dreams did I think it would take 12 weeks."

A few months ago she was busking on street corners in Boston.

Now her songs of love, betrayal and revolution have struck a chord with youngsters everywhere.

One of the biggest rising stars to come out of America in years, Tracy Chapman's songs of love, betrayal and revolution have struck a chord with youngsters everywhere.

She won rave reviews at Wembley last week on the first leg of the Amnesty tour with Bruce Springsteen, Peter Gabriel and Sting.

Her first LP made number one on both sides of the Atlantic and her new single, Talkin' Bout a Revolution, is shooting up the charts.

"It happened very quickly," she mutters. "Much more quickly than I ever expected."

Her debut LP was released in April to polite applause from the critics but only a trickle of copies were sold until Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday concert at Wembley in June.

Electric

An electric performance brought her to the attention of millions of people watching around the world.

"It was amazing," she says, still clearly surprised at the way

one concert catapulted her into the public eye.

"I ended up reaching so many people in such a short time, something I couldn't have done in years of touring."

The 23-year-old folk singer loathes the glitz and glamour of pop and turns out in denim jackets and working shirts.

But if the style is early '60s, the era of coffee houses, Dylan and Civil Rights marches, the subjects are strictly contemporary.

She sings of being poor, black and working-class and the innocence of her victims shivers down the spines of the most cynical of souls.

In her teens she moved from her home in Cleveland to Boston to live and work on the radical fringe of Cambridge college life.

She says: "I started busking

when I couldn't stand mowing the university lawns any more."

And she loves playing live. "When I'm performing, I'm doing something I love. There's a strong emotional involvement playing in a crowd."

She leapt at the chance of doing the Mandela concert and the Amnesty tour.

Her sentiments are in stark contrast to prevailing views in Reagan's America and Thatcher's Britain.

And that partly explains her appeal to the young.

"It's shameful that people don't consider the lives of other people, that people are suffering," she says.

But, she argues, it's not all doom and gloom and politics.

"I'm not just a protest singer. I think my songs are richer and deeper than that."

She pauses and reflects on her sudden fame.

"You know, I was told that no one would listen to music like mine but I stuck with it because I believed in it."

Tracy who? Tracy Chapman, that's who. The teens already know the name.

Guns 'n' Roses make it three weeks in a row

NEW YORK (AP): Guns 'n' Roses topped the single pop record charts in the United States for the third week in a row, with their hit Sweet Child O' Mine.

Simply Irresistible kept Robert Palmer in second position on the Cash Box magazine chart for the second straight week. Soaring into third spot, up from seventh a week ago, was Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin.

Last week's number three hit, George Michael's Monkey topped out of the top 10 list completely.

Two newcomers made their way onto the top 10 list. One Good Woman by Peter Cetera, up from 11th to 8th and Don't Be Cruel by Cheap Trick, up from 13th to 10th.

Steve Warner took over the top of the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart with I Should Be With You. Dan Seals was second with Addicted, while the Earl Thomas Conley-Emmylou Harris duo on We Believe in Happy Endings was third.

Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Sweet Child O' Mine — Guns 'n' Roses (Geffen)
2. (2) Simply Irresistible — Robert Palmer (EMI-Manhattan)
3. (7) Don't Worry Be Happy — Bobby McFerrin (EMI-Manhattan)

4. (5) I'll Always Love You — Taylor Dayne (Arista)
5. (5) If I Ain't Got You — New Edition (MCA)

6. (10) Love Bites — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram)
7. (4) Perfect World — Huey Lewis and the News (Chrysalis)

8. (11) One Good Woman — Peter Cetera (Full Moon-Warner Brothers)
9. (9) Nobody's Fool (Theme From Caddyshack II) — Kenny Rogers (Columbia)

10. (13) Don't Be Cruel — Cheap Trick (Epic)

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) I Should Be With You — Dan Seals (Columbia)

2. (3) Addicted — Dan Seals (Capitol)

3. (5) We Believe in Happy Endings — Earl Thomas Conley with Emmylou Harris (RCA)

4. (6) Streets of Bakersfield — Dwight Yoakam and Buck Owens (Warner Brothers)

5. (8) Honky Tonk Moon — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers)

6. (1) That's What You Love Does to Me — Holly Dunn (MTM)

7. (9) Untold Stories — Kathy Mattea (Mercury)

8. (11) Strong to Bend — Tanya Tucker (Capitol)

9. (4) Joe Knows How to Live — Eddy Raven (RCA)

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And in London, a re-release of the Addicted Heavy, My Brother by the Hollies continued its ascent up the British pop singles chart to the number one spot. It was second a week ago.

Phil Collins' A Groovy Kind of Love shipped from the top to second position while Womack and Womack's Teardrops stayed on at number three for a second week.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother — Hollies (EMI)
2. (1) Groovy Kind of Love — Phil Collins (Virgin)

3. (3) Teardrops — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway)

4. (4) Lovely Day (Sunshine Mix) — Bill Withers (CBS)

5. (11) Big Fun — Inner City Kevin Saunderson... (10 Records)

6. (6) The Race — Yello (Mercury)

7. (14) Nothing Can Divide Us — Jason Donovan (PWL)

8. (5) I Quit — Bros (CBS)

9. (—) Domino Dancing — Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone)

10. (8) Megablaster — Bomb the Bass (Rhythmic King)

Latest marketing scam to hit pop world

Dawning of a new age in rock music

By Marcus Beckmann

SOMETIMES pop music can be just too raucous, can't it? A bit too interesting, as well. It's at times like these that the truly mellow whip out their New Age records.

New Age is the latest marketing scam to hit pop music, and one of the cleverest so far. It's a genre for which all normal critical criteria simply don't count. Pop music, as a rule, exists to be exciting, different, exhilarating. New Age is there to relax, to soothe, like an aural Radox bath.

The music itself comes in many shapes and colours, but essentially it's rock music with the rock taken out. Mainly ins-

trumental, and played on standard rock instruments. New Age owes its existence to higher standards in hi-fi, the emergence of compact discs and an ageing rock audience that wants background music for its dinner parties but would stop short at James Last.

In brief, yuppie musik. Naturally, it's American. Even more naturally, it originates on the West Coast, that haven of all things terminally relaxed.

Anaesthesia

New Age records seem to sell. Not like other pop records, in a short burst followed by a swift decline, but steadily, over months and even years, making them very profitable, hence the burgeoning racks in your record store.

All sounds wonderful, doesn't it? The problem, though, lies in the listening. The balancing act between, on the one hand, being mellow and, on the other, plunging your listeners into a deep coma, is a tricky one to carry off. Most New Age artists don't quite make it.

Fearless

Brave and fearless to the end, I sat through hours upon hours of albums full of pastoral acoustic guitars, gently flowing synthesizers and tinkly pianos, persistently managing to rouse myself from slumber every 40 minutes or so to put on another one.

Who are all these people with PhDs in anaesthesia? A surprising number are the craggy relics of the long-forgotten age of

Progressive Rock. So just when you thought that Rick Wakeman had gone for good, his keyboardists turn up again as New Age.

Wishbone Ash, long since disbanded, reform to make an instrumental album for Miles Copeland's No Speak label. Rod Argent crops up too, recording EMI. Their albums, not entirely surprisingly, are a little more lively than some of the others.

The label New Age, though, has begun to acquire something of a stigma in UK. This may be because in the States the term defines an entire lifestyle which, in less euphemistic times, might have been described as "neo-hippy nonsense."



Wishbone Ash: new age revival

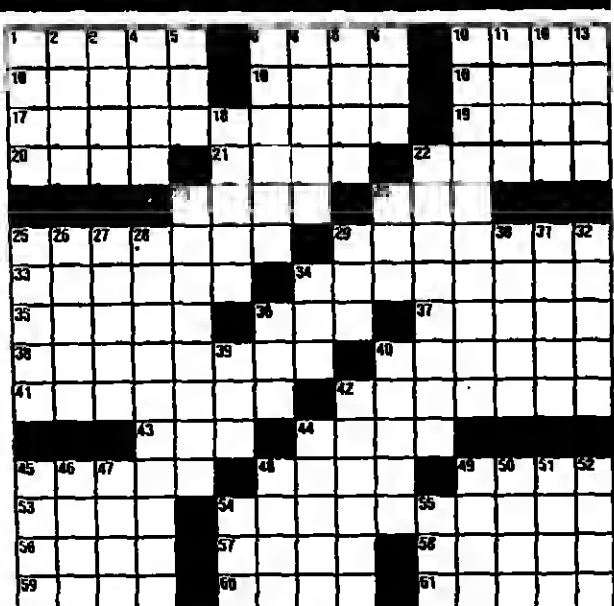
Better than average is a record released earlier this year by Ian Matthews (another old hippy). Walking A Changing Line (Windham Hill) is a record that may be soft, but not in the head. Matthews' high tenor vocals combining beautifully with the mainly synthesised arrangements.

A rather less orthodox vocal performance can be found on Enya's new album Watermark (WEA). There aren't any lyrics as such: her flighty vocals

just flow across the melody to a captivating effect.

Not all artists, though, are quite so willing to associate themselves with the New Age label, but still find themselves treated as such. Harold Budd, for instance, may be a Californian, but he is no hippy. His eighth album, The White Arcades, has just appeared on Land Records, and although made up of slow instrumental pieces, it's meant to be played loud and listened to.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 29 The Fonz in "Happy Days"
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- 37 Open a bottle
- 38 Wrangled over
- 40 Canaanite
- 41 Swallow one's pride
- 42 Kind of mortgage
- 43 Juan Carlos of Spain
- 44 Invent
- 45 Satiated
- 48 — boy sandwich
- 49 Stock exchange membership
- 53 Mada angry
- 54 Complete failure
- 56 Indonesian island
- 57 One of the Johnsons
- 58 Diminish gradually, with
- DOWN
- 1 Chins
- 2 Armas follower
- 3 Talking bird
- 4 Extremely dark
- 5 — as a package
- 6 Teeth
- 7 Worn out
- 8 Interest on a mortgage
- 9 High, rocky hill
- 10 Structure on a roadway
- 11 Part of an arrow
- 12 Louis —, 19th cen. insurgent
- 13 Wavy, in heraldry
- 18 Linda of TV
- 22 12 Down, for example
- 23 Was curious
- 24 Measure for wire
- 25 Kind of fish or flower
- 26 Ancient district in Asia Minor
- 27 Leaf in an axis
- 28 Necessity for big business
- 29 — museum
- 30 Permissible
- 31 Growing out
- 32 Drive back
- 34 Letters on a package
- 36 Scarce
- 38 Schneider of "All That Jazz"
- 40 Prepare eggs
- 42 Improvised, with "up"
- 44 Scottish-born actor Tom
- 45 Derrick booms
- 46 Inishmore's island group
- 47 Cold cut center
- 48 Young salmon
- 49 Spit out, as lava
- 50 Singer James
- 51 Genius of maps
- 52 Phoenician city
- 55 — tree, cornered

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ASIDE ACTS ABCS
ROBIN MARC SLIT
OUIST AMOR CARE
WASTES EVIDENCE
ANTE EMENOED
PRINTERS PED
HENCE RIGED GAB
ONCE SOTTO MAME
NTH TAROT TALES
SER SEMINARS
UNSTRAP DATE
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GEAR ORES ITALO
EDGE GULA NEVER
DYES ALLY GREET

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THE POWER OF THE PREEMPT

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 6
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ Q 8 7 3
♣ A

WEST
♠ A K 9 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ A 10
♣ K 8 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 7 4 3
♥ Q J 10 6 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ K
♦ 9 5 4
♣ Q J 10 9 6 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♠

In most bridge columns, opposing preempts are brushed aside as declarer and his partner skillfully bid to their best contract. However, in real life is not quite that simple. Even at the highest levels, preempts can prove devastating. This hand is from a world team championship match.

At one table, South chose to open the bidding with three clubs, a tactic we endorse at this vulnerability. South's hand rates to take five club tricks and the four-card diamond

suit can be counted as a playing trick, bringing the trick-taking expectation up to six, which conforms with the Rule of Two and Three. That rule states that, if not vulnerable, you should be within three tricks of your contract for a preempt; vulnerable, you should be short of your goal by only two tricks.

That put West on the spot. His five-card suit was hardly robust and his second suit was the one in which his opponent had preempted. He decided that it was too risky to act, and three clubs became the final contract. When the defenders failed to find their diamond ruff, declarer romped home. Even had it been defeated one trick, it would still have been a major triumph for North-South.

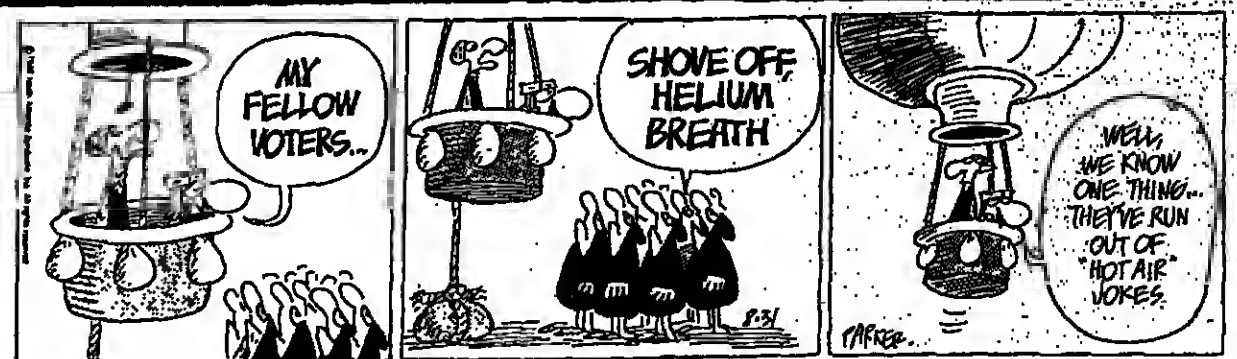
At the other table South decided to pass. West opened the bidding with one spade and, after North passed, East made a limit raise of three spades. No action by South now could keep East-West out of four spades, a contract that could be defeated only by double-dummy defense. (North must lead a low heart, win the ace of clubs, cash the ace of hearts and give his partner a heart ruff to promote a trump trick.) After the more normal ace of clubs lead, 10 tricks were there.



"Never trust a dog that smiles like that."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brian Parker and Johnny Hart



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YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You should try not to allow yourself to be led astray. Also you should not buy anything until you have considered the alternatives carefully. Make sure you do not allow some chores to be left undone. Be resilient.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You will be better able to deal with a problem to which there is no quick and final solution. You should do your best to keep your ideas clear. You will not be able to afford something you would dearly love to have. Be cordial.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You should not do anything that makes a rather complicated situation even worse. You will suddenly realise something that you had not thought of before. You should try not to leave any personal letters unanswered. Be reasonable.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Some obstacle you had expected to encounter will not now materialise. You should make an even greater effort with what you are learning; if you do you will succeed. Try to avoid getting into an argument. Be tactful.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
Your personal situation will take a turn for the better. You will have something to be really pleased about. You should make sure you do not allow things to get into a muddle. Be alert.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
You will tend to be rather apprehensive but there is really no need to be. You should not spend too much time dealing with secondary matters. Try to do a little more reading. Be generous.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
You will be able to do something that is of great interest to you. An offer or proposal should not be dismissed without careful consideration. You will be able to overcome what seemed like a formidable obstacle. Be resilient.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You will find that nothing seems to go right today, but if you make an effort you will still be able to make the most of things. You should try to be a little more patient.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You should not do anything that you know you will regret. If you leave everything until the last minute you will not have time to do anything properly. You should not allow your partner to feel neglected. Be tolerant.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will be able to do something a little different but you should not throw caution to the winds. You must avoid saying the first thing that comes to mind. And do make sure that you do not let the cat out of the bag. Be responsive.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You will find it hard to restrain yourself from going on a spending spree, but you must. You will have to make a few changes but you should consider them carefully first.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
You will be in a rather better mood and you will not find it quite so difficult to deal with a unpleasant person. A where it is not permissible to do. You should make sure that you do your obligations. Be polite.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Ministers to review quotas

OPEC panel to meet to monitor weak oil prices

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept. 23, (AP): Five OPEC ministers plan to gather on Sunday at a still-unannounced location to look at ways to stem a surge in oil production that has been blamed for low crude prices.

But analysts don't see the ministers will take dramatic action to boost prices, which have been running well below the target of \$18 a barrel set by the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"I really don't see there's anything they can do," said London oil consultant Paul McDonald. "The market is in a slump, and it's difficult to see what they can actually achieve at this meeting. I expect we'll have a lot of talk and not much positive action."

Ministers at the price evolution committee are from Algeria,

Indonesia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

The organisation has confirmed the panel will meet on Sunday and Monday but has refused to divulge the location of the talks. Analysts say the site is Madrid.

The talks will be set against a backdrop of a slumping crude market, attributed mostly to a surge in production by OPEC members ignoring quotas set by the organisation on their output levels.

Overproduction
"The question now is to restore the balance between supply and demand to attain the OPEC official price of \$18 per barrel," Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman told reporters on Thursday in Indonesia.

Prices in the international market slipped earlier this month to a nearly two-year low, falling

more than \$4 below the organisation's target. Prices have strengthened in advance of the price panel's discussions.

Lukman, who is OPEC's president, was quoted earlier in the week in Singapore as saying the price committee would take a look at overproduction as well as co-operation between OPEC and non-OPEC members.

"Production level does in fact have a major influence on the level of price, but it's not the only problem we have on hand," Lukman told reporters.

Pierre Terzian, editor of the Paris-based oil publication *Petrostrategies*, looked for the ministers to prepare the groundwork for a full meeting of the organisation scheduled on Nov. 21 in Vienna.

He expected them to review the quotas of the OPEC countries, in particular the sticky

question of production levels for Iran and Iraq, who agreed last month to a ceasefire in their nearly 8-year-old war.

Slump
The price panel can recommend an emergency meeting of all 13 oil ministers to discuss the persistent price slump, but analysts said it was unlikely so close to the Vienna talks.

"Present oil market conditions are serious, but whether they warrant an emergency meeting is for the committee to decide," Lukman said.

A key problem for OPEC is the slumping of the organisation's quotas by some members.

Iraq refused to go along with its quota of 1.54 million barrels a day during the war with Iran and demanded a share equal to the Iranian level of 2.37 million barrels a day.

But analysts say Iraq has been

pumping well above that, averaging about 2.7 million barrels a day. Iran's output, they say, is running about 1.9 million barrels a day.

Efforts to get the two countries to agree on set levels will likely be hindered by their desire to turn up production to earn more money to pay for the massive reconstruction projects both countries plan.

The United Arab Emirates also has been ignoring its quota of 948,000 barrels a day. Oil Minister Mansour bin Zayed was quoted this week as saying the UAE's "fixed and firm" quota was 1.5 million barrels a day.

Lukman said in Singapore that OPEC production is running about 19 million to 19.5 million barrels a day.

In June, the organisation extended an accord to limit output to 15.06 million barrels a day

until the end of the year. That ceiling excluded Iran, however.

The monthly oil market report of the International Energy Agency in Paris estimated that OPEC's crude production in August was 19 million barrels a day, which had been the highest level of the year.

"The amount of oil entering the market may be less, however, as several Gulf states have leased tankers which are perhaps being used for storage," the report said.

"Neither Iranian nor Iraqi production showed any significant monthly increase despite the reduction in hostilities and tanker attacks during August," it said.

OPEC members are Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Venezuela.

Qatar plans to borrow \$400m to develop gas field

BAHRAIN, Sept. 23, (Reuters): Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC) will borrow \$400 million from capital markets to help finance the \$1.3 billion project to develop its vast North Field natural gas reservoir.

Gulf banking sources said QGPC would soon invite a number of banks in and outside the Gulf to submit proposals for the loan. "The government guarantee is available," one banker said.

Bankers said QGPC had lowered its earlier projections of borrowing \$600 million as it plans to raise the amount of oil revenues allocated for the project to 40,000 barrels per day from 30,000 barrels.

First Boston Corporation of the United States is financial adviser to QGPC on the project.

Reserves
QGPC last month started drilling to reach the 500 trillion cubic feet natural gas reserves lying under the shallow waters in the Gulf 50 miles off Qatar.

The first phase of the project, which will take up to three years to complete, will supply Qatar's local industry and studies are already under way to build an aluminium smelter to run with the natural gas from the North Field.

Qatar plans to sell natural gas first to its Gulf neighbours than to Europe by pipeline in the second and third phases of the project. But oil market conditions and vast costs involved makes the export of gas unfeasible in the immediate future, industry sources said.

Project
Apart from the loan, five companies from Japan, Brazil and South Korea have submitted project financing packages — worth around \$400 million each — to QGPC, to be paid back by purchasing the natural gas liquids (NGL) that will be produced after the project is completed in 1991.

But QGPC has not yet decided whether to accept any of the packages, oil industry sources in the Gulf said.

Texaco to hold talks with Ecuador on oil assets

NEW YORK, Sept. 23, (Reuters): Texaco Inc., one of the biggest oil producers in Ecuador, said today it would hold talks with the Ecuadorian government following the nation's decision to take control of key oilfields and its major pipeline.

Ecuador, a member of OPEC, said today it would take complete state control of oil fields that produce 80 per cent of the nation's oil beginning July 1990.

Texaco currently produces about 700,000 barrels per day in a joint venture with Ecuador, US oil industry analysts said.

The government oil company and Texaco also jointly operate the nation's main pipeline. Ecuador said that it would also take control of this operation in October 1989.

An executive with Texaco's Latin America division told Reuters the company had expected the government's decision to solely operate the fields and pipeline.

"Under a joint operating agreement between Ecuador and Texaco, Ecuador had the legal right to give one year's notice to assume ownership of the properties," the executive said.

"Don't get confused that this is a nationalisation of our property. We're not losing anything," he said.

Three years after Plaza accord

Currency markets still unsettled

NEW YORK, Sept. 23, (AP): This week marks the third anniversary of the Plaza accord, a five-nation agreement that aimed to reduce the exchange rate of the dollar but ultimately failed to control it.

Behind the Sept. 22, 1985 agreement by the United States, Britain, West Germany, France and Japan was the idea that a cheaper dollar would help shrink the US trade deficit and reduce protectionist sentiments in Congress.

At first, the Plaza accord looked like a success. The dollar tumbled all through 1985 and 1986 and into 1987. Only a few impulsive skeptics said the dollar would have fallen even without the accord.

Then, some funny things happened. First, the finance ministers got together again at the Louvre in Paris in February 1987 and decided that further declines in the dollar would be counter-

productive. Naturally, the dollar kept falling. Then it rose. Then it fell steeply at the end of 1987. This year it has risen — up a fat 14 per cent against a marketbasket of foreign currencies since Jan. 1.

It has begun to seem as though the finance leaders are standing at the bow of an ocean liner with a toy wheel, trying to convince the other passengers they are steering.

Accord
All this time, people began to notice the cheaper dollar was not working wonders on the trade deficit. Instead of shrinking, the gap set records in 1986 and again in 1987. It has taken until this year to see big improvements.

As time went on, it has become increasingly clear that: — Central bankers and finance ministers don't have much control over currency rates. — Currency rates do not have nearly as much to do with trade

balances as everyone had thought.

This is not to say the Plaza accord was a waste of time. It was a valuable beginning toward co-operation in an interdependent world. But agreements among nations depend on the signatories' willingness to adapt their national goals to the greater international good. And that is a hard sell.

Currency rates will never be stable as long as nations pursue widely differing economic policies: abhorrence of inflation in West Germany vs. relative tolerance of it in the United States, for example.

The gold standard for currencies forced policy co-ordination on the nations, but its fatal flaw was that it put all the burden of adjustment on weak-currency countries. That gave undue leverage to the slow-growth West Germanys of the world.

Businesses want stable

currency rates so they can plan where to locate plants, how much to manufacture for export, form which nations to buy components and so on.

Three years after the Plaza accord, however, the goal of stable currencies is beginning to look like a distant dream. Economists' estimates of the "proper" value of the dollar are all over the map, from 100 yen to 200 yen (the current rate is 134).

Differing economic policies have something to do with the instability, as do differing predictions for the trade deficit.

Adding to the complexity is that trade flows are not the only controlling factor in rates. Investment flows are at least as important — meaning that if Japanese for whatever reason crave US treasury bonds and factories, they will keep the dollar in strong demand even though they have little interest in importing American products.

US officials see ray of hope in savings and loan results

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23, (Reuters): The institutions that finance half of new US home sales lost \$3.6 billion in the April-June quarter, but federal regulators see a ray of hope in the industry's latest financial results.

However, Senator William Proxmire, the head of the Senate Banking Committee, on Thursday said the next Congress will have to find at least \$20 billion "to clean up the mess in the savings and loan industry."

Thriffs
On Thursday, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board said the nation's 3,092 savings and loans institutions, which originated half of new home financing, narrowed their losses to \$3.6 billion in the second quarter from 3.9 billion in the first quarter and 4 billion in the fourth quarter of 1987.

But the savings and loans, also

known as thriffs, had an operating profit of \$200 million, the first time thriffs showed a profit from day-to-day operations since the autumn of last year.

However, the gain was wiped out by non-operating losses of more than \$3 billion, mainly writedowns in the value of bad loans and provisions for loan losses.

Crisis
Bank board chief economist James Barth said non-operating losses can be expected to diminish eventually and that the second-quarter improvement suggested the industry's flow of red ink may be slowing.

The bulk of losses were concentrated in Texas where the fall in oil prices has depressed real estate values and the industry deregulation in the early 1980s that prompted reckless speculation by some thrift managers.

Barth noted the 271 thriffs in Texas alone lost \$3.2 billion in the second quarter — or 88 per cent of the quarterly loss.

In a speech to the Senate, Proxmire accused the Reagan administration of ignoring the crisis, which began in the early 1980s when the industry was deregulated.

A thrift industry spokesman said that while the Texas losses were worrisome, they should not distract attention from the two-thirds of the industry which was profitable.

The bank board said US thriffs reported net operating income of 200 million in the second quarter, compared with a first-quarter operating loss of 300 million and an operating loss of 500 million in the fourth quarter of 1987.

Denise Jacobs, director of Research for the US League of Savings Institutions, said the operating profit showed basic thrift business was sound.

"What is encouraging is that solvent institutions are performing well. The depressing news is that the writedowns continued and show a serious problem," Jacobs said.

Politburo approves measures to help Soviet consumers

MOSCOW, Sept. 23, (Reuters): The Soviet Communist Party's ruling Politburo has approved proposals for boosting food supply, consumer goods, services, health care and education by the year 2005, Pravda said today.

The proposals, approved yesterday, highlighted Kremlin concern over nationwide discontent with low living standards as Mikhail Gorbachev seeks to maintain support for his perestroika programme of political, social and economic reform.

The party newspaper said the 13-man Politburo considered government draft guidelines for social and economic development over the next 15 years.

"An important feature of the proposals was the examination of several different ways of realising the party's economic strategy," it added.

The guidelines placed a high priority on improving living standards, particularly in food, consumer goods, health, education and services, in line with conclusions of the Communist Party conference in June, it said.

A team of scientific research

ers and specialists in various areas of the economy worked out the guidelines.

Pravda said the Politburo endorsed the main part of the guidelines and recommended further work on the document. The proposals will eventually go before a central committee plenum.

On Wednesday, the Soviet news agency Tass reported that the draft economic plan for 1989 gave priority to consumer goods production rather than heavy industry, a radical departure from Soviet economic tradition.

Plan
The draft plan, which was submitted to the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet parliament, provided for 6.7 per cent growth in consumer goods production against 2.5 per cent in other areas.

Three and a half years after Gorbachev took over the Kremlin leadership, many Soviet people say living standards have fallen.

During a visit to Siberia last week, Gorbachev was harangued by people complaining of food shortages and bad housing.

Overseas firms set up shop to take advantage of new infrastructure

Singapore has more money than it can use

SINGAPORE, Sept. 23, (Reuters): Singapore has more money than it can use.

The tiny island state of 2.6 million people has one of the highest savings rates in the world — some 40 per cent of earnings — but has trouble finding things to spend the money on.

Thanks to a construction boom in the early 1980's, Singapore is already one of the world's most developed cities, with a new airport and subway system.

"There is a limit to the amount of infrastructure you can go on building," said Sanjoy Chowdhury, vice-president at US broker Merrill Lynch, Pierce,

Fenner and Smith here. "That limit has either been reached or is very close."

Nearly all Singapore savings consist of mandatory contributions by employers and employees to a state social security plan, the Central Provident Fund (CPF), which stands at around 31 billion Singapore dollars (\$15.5 billion).

"Part of our problem is that there is nowhere to use the money because of the small size of the economy," Finance Minister Richard Hu said.

In the past, much of the CPF money was used to fund housing construction. "Now that's reaching a point

of saturation, and government borrowing for infrastructure is also declining," Hu said.

The government has tried to use state aid to encourage the development of small and medium-sized Singapore-owned manufacturing companies, but that will take time.

Rush
Meanwhile there has been a rush of foreign money into the country as overseas companies set up shop to take advantage of the new infrastructure.

Some private economists wonder if growth is being hindered because Singaporeans are being forced to save too much, and not spending enough to stimulate

consumer-oriented businesses.

"Questions remain on what is an optimal savings ratio for the future," Merrill Lynch said in a recent report.

Hu tended to dismiss such talk. Singaporeans voluntarily save quite a lot of money in banks and postal savings above their contributions to the CPF, he said. "It is not as if we are forcing people to save more than they want to."

"Personally, I have never felt that excessive savings is a bad thing provided it doesn't starve the economy," he said. "We have never starved the economy of funds. It is a lack of projects more than a lack of money that is the

problem here."

Hu left open the possibility of the government cutting taxes in the future to return some money to the public.

"That is an option we have available to us to return some money to the public," he said. "With the world-wide trend in reducing direct taxation, we could well want to go further (in cutting taxes)."

He declined to be more specific, although he said that the government's long-term goal remains to reduce taxes to 25 per cent. The basic corporate tax rate stands at 33 per cent. That is also the maximum rate for individuals.

Dutch government announces tax and spending cuts

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Sept. 23, (AP): The deficit-cutting Dutch government today announced sharp slashes in corporate taxes in its 1989 budget and warned it would continue to cut public spending across the board.

The 170 billion guilder (\$80.5 billion) budget reflected a fiscal austerity philosophy that has led critics to charge that the centre-right government of Premier

Ruud Lubbers is trying to dismantle the welfare state.

Worst hit in a 1.3 billion guilder (\$616 million) package of spending cuts are education, public housing and defence.

Queen Beatrix outlined the budget to legislators during the traditional opening session of the parliamentary year.

Reading from the customary budget policy paper prepared by the Lubbers government,

Beatrix credited the premier's austerity policies, in force since his 1982 election, for continuing to bring down the nation's budget deficit.

Target
The deficit now stands at 22.9 billion guilders (\$10.8 billion), down 2 billion guilders (\$940 million) from last year's figure.

The Lubbers cabinet maintained it would meet its deficit

target of 5.25 per cent of net national income by 1990, the year of the next parliamentary election. The current deficit stands at approximately 6.7 per cent of net national income.

Under the new budget, corporate taxes will be cut from 42 per cent to as little as 35 per cent as part of a major reform of corporate taxation designed to stimulate new industrial investment.

To make up for the loss of revenue, the government earlier this year shut down a huge business investment subsidy programme that in the Lubbers philosophy was seen as inefficient and providing too little incentive.

The tax breaks combine with a reduction in the Value Added Tax (VAT) imposed on goods and services from 20 per cent to 18.5 per cent.

World Business Summary

Chances of price-support deal start to recede

LONDON, Sept. 23, (AP): Optimism over the chance for an International Coffee Organisation (ICO) price-support deal for the year starting 1988-89 has begun to recede, industry sources said on Thursday. The reasons are the tough line being taken by the United States and other key consumers and the split that is emerging between the two biggest producers, Colombia backs the hardline consumers which are seeking special arrangements aimed at boosting supplies of top quality mild Arabica coffee in 1988-89, the country's delegates said during talks scheduled to end on September 30. Colombia is the world's biggest producer and exporter of mild Arabica coffee. But Brazil opposes changes in the quota-adjustment mechanism that consumers have suggested as one way of achieving their goal of more mild Arabica coffee. The differential treatment implied by the consumers' idea for boosting mild Arabica supplies would be discriminatory, Brazilian officials say. They also oppose to changes in the present system, under which all cuts and increases in the global export quota are applied equally to all grades of coffee. Under a West German proposal presented on Thursday and endorsed by Colombia, producers of mild Arabica coffee could be exempted from quota cuts and benefit disproportionately from quota increases in 1988-89. Brazil produces a less-popular type of unwashed Arabica and nearly all African countries grow robustas — the cheapest grade, which has been losing market share to mild Arabicas in recent years. "Present ICO arrangements are starving Western European industry of the type of coffee its wants and that has to be changed," said a Western German trader. US delegates said that the country's industry was also solidly behind moves to change the quota system. US and European Economic Community delegates have already told producers that they are prepared for a free market in coffee from Oct 1 if they cannot obtain a satisfactory deal that increases mild Arabica availability in 1988-89.

American setting up printing business in Soviet Union

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23, (Reuters): The Soviet Union and a US businessman announced an agreement yesterday to open outlets in Moscow where ordinary Soviet citizens will be able to buy printing, computer and other services. Under the agreement, registered with the Soviet government on Monday and announced at the Soviet consulate here, the joint venture will sell publishing, printing, computer and related products and services. The business will use American accounting and management practices and US-made equipment. The printing will be done at a central plant and the finished documents will be distributed by vans to customers at the 18 outlets. The Moscow outlets will open on January 1. Other shops will open later next year in Leningrad and Kiev. "This is a great pilot project with tremendous potential for expanding the range of goods and services offered to the Soviet people and to foreign visitors to the USSR," said Soviet Deputy Consul-General Genadiy Zolotov. The Soviet-American International Co. (Sovaminc) will be owned jointly by Unicorn Investments International, based in Huntington Beach, California. Mir Publishers, a Soviet publishing enterprise, Sintez, a private Soviet co-operative enterprise, and Record, a film production company under the auspices of the Soviet ministry of culture. Martin Lopata, head of Unicorn Investments, said the joint venture would be capitalised with \$3.3 million, of which he would contribute 49 per cent. The Soviet investment would be made in rubles, he said. Lopata said the enterprise would initially employ two Americans and between 200 and 300 Soviet citizens. He said he planned to ship \$500,000 worth of printing and other equipment to the Soviet Union. "This is the first time printing services will be offered to the average Soviet citizen," said Lopata. Lopata said he was interested in improving US-Soviet relations and was approached by the Soviet committee on publishing, printing and book trade to set up the business.

Opposition demands inquiry into gold takeover bid

LONDON, Sept. 23, (Reuters): The opposition Labour Party demanded an inquiry on Thursday into a huge takeover bid by the South African-backed firm of Minorco for the West's number two gold producer, Consolidated Goldfields of Britain. Minorco on Wednesday made the biggest bid in British business history, valuing Cons Gold at \$2.9 billion (\$4.9 billion). The British-based company rejected it as "indiscreet" but the stage looked set for a bruising takeover battle. Labour trade and industry spokesman Tony Blair said the Conservative government should call a Monopolies Commission inquiry into the takeover, which, if successful, would marry the West's biggest mining interests into an unrivalled conglomerate. Minorco is 60 per cent owned by the South African Anglo-American Corporation, the biggest gold mining firm, and its associated De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd which dominates the West's diamond market. "I would have thought there is a very strong case for the government saying that this is a bid that should be looked at so that we can see what the implications are — the nature of the bid and the implications for UK industry," Blair said in a radio interview. "If we wish to encourage investment in South Africa, here you have the largest-ever takeover bid mounted for a UK firm, from a firm effectively controlled by South African interests." Luxembourg-based Minorco has investments amounting to some \$3 billion, but it has acted until now largely as the overseas investment arm for the two South African giants, holding assets rather than directly managing them. Cons Gold holds 49 per cent of the Newmont Mining Corp., owner of the biggest US gold mine. Some British newspapers said on Thursday that the stock exchange, which saw Cons Gold stocks rise by 40 per cent to more than £15 (\$25) on news of the bid, might call an inquiry into possible insider trading. Suspicious were aroused in the market by a gain in the share price over the last month, despite a fall in gold prices that would be expected to erode their value. But there was no confirmation of an inquiry from the stock exchange. Market talk of a possible inquiry caused Cons Gold shares to slip back 50 pence (85 cents) from Wednesday's closing price to £13.50 (\$22.95). Minorco's share and cash bid for Cons Gold valued its shares at the equivalent of £13.06 (\$21.94).

USX won't sell mill to Iraq

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 23, (AP): USX Corp. said it will not sell its shuttered Texas plate mill to Iraq because a letter of intent had expired without a contract for final sale. The USX mill, which is located in Baytown and once employed about 2,000 workers, has been idle for two years. "At this time, there are no commitments for the sale to Iraq or any other party," USX chairman David M. Roderick said on Thursday. USX chairman Jack Brooks of Texas, whose district includes the plant, not to contract for another sale to Iraq for at least six months. Birmingham Steel Corp. of Alabama has said it was interested in buying the plant if the Iraqi deal fell through. Birmingham Steel and an unidentified group were reported to have offered \$115 million for the building and equipment, while Iraq offered \$100 million. USX spokesman William P. Ryder said Birmingham Steel had not made a formal offer for the plant. The sale of the mill to Iraq sparked sharp criticism from a number of sectors including lawmakers and the United Steelworkers Union of America. Congressman Jack Fields of Texas argued that the deal would reduce US steel-making capability and increase domestic steel prices. Fields said Iraq's ambassador to the United States, Abdul-Amir Al Anbari, had told him a \$1-million down payment had been made to USX, but the steelmaker denied it had received any money.

Industrial nations urged to improve overall world economy

Stoltenberg rejects Third World debt forgiveness

BERLIN, Sept 23, (AP): West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg today flatly rejected even partial debt forgiveness for heavily indebted middle-income countries.

But he said he expected that other major nations would follow West Germany in reducing interest rates on large debts owed by some poorer countries.

"There is no cause to discuss debt forgiveness" for the middle-income countries, Stoltenberg told reporters on the second day of discussions leading up to the formal annual joint meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund next week.

According to official classification, countries whose people have average incomes above \$750 a year are considered middle-income nations.

Stoltenberg also said he opposes any suggestions for a worldwide debt forgiveness.

"Calls for a global solution destroy the creditworthiness of debtor countries," Stoltenberg said.

He said debt problems should be solved on a case-by-case basis and that West Germany would rather restructure debt and improve conditions than forgive. The West German government this week announced additional concessions to the poorest countries.

"We have verbal indications that the British and French governments will make similar decisions," he said.

Stoltenberg also said major industrial nations, such as the United States, should strive for a closer alignment of their economic policies, and that he wants to avoid "strong swings in foreign exchange rates."

The West German finance minister said he had met on Thursday with the new US Treasury Secretary, Nicholas

Brady. He declined to go into details on the talks, but said he expected US economic policies to remain unchanged.

"I think we will be able to find a good foundation for mutual co-operation" between West Germany and the United States, he said.

Stoltenberg was scheduled to meet with Brady and top finance officials from the five other major Western industrialised nations on Saturday. He said they would discuss economic policy surveillance and co-ordination as well as debt.

Finance ministers of 24 developing countries were slated to meet as well on Saturday and were expected to issue a statement seeking more aid from governments as well as from commercial banks. They were also seeking a cancellation of some debts.

Deputy ministers of the 24

nations were to meet on Friday to work on that statement, but the discussions were cancelled because the deputies had agreed on the essentials of the communiqué, officials said.

On the opening day of the official discussions in West Berlin, IMF Chief Michel Camdessus urged industrial nations to work in closer partnership with developing countries to improve the overall world economy.

"There is no prosperity for the industrial countries without prosperity for the developing countries," Camdessus told reporters on Thursday.

Poor countries have been among the best customers of the richer industrial world. But in recent years their heavy payments of interest on debt have forced them to cut back on purchases.

The developing world's debt burden at the end of 1987 was

\$1.2 trillion, according to World Bank estimates.

Camdessus praised West Germany, Canada and the Nordic countries for reducing the debts owed them by the poorest developing countries.

The United States, a major creditor of such countries, has not forgiven any debts. That would require action by Congress, where support is weak for foreign aid.

Camdessus, a Frenchman, said private bankers also should write off some debts, adding that he has recently heard more of them discussing the possibility.

Delegates from the 151 World Bank and IMF member countries as well as representatives of banking and industry have been arriving all week for the West Berlin discussions. The talks culminate with the Sept 27-29 joint meeting of the two sister organisations.

Addressing reporters, Camdessus also spoke about the recent rise of the US dollar, saying the higher rate will make it harder to reduce the US international trade deficit.

A more costly dollar makes imported goods cheaper and more attractive to Americans, while making American goods more expensive and thus harder to export.

Increase

But Camdessus said the increase in the dollar price did not warrant too much concern.

Since a 1985 agreement between then-US Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and his counterparts from other major countries, the dollar has continued to fluctuate, but Camdessus said the fluctuations were now less violent and within a narrower range.

"This is quite an achievement, it has to be maintained," he said.

Sheikh Salem to attend IMF-World Bank meetings

CENTRAL BANK Governor Sheikh Salem Al Sabah left yesterday for West Berlin to attend the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, today through Saturday.

The bank will also be represented by Abdul Aziz Al Othman, director of the foreign exchange department and deputy head of the technical and legal office of the bank, Dr Mohamed Hayder Ghoulou.

Crisis

Sheikh Salem will also attend interim committee meetings of the fund's board of governors on Sunday. The committee will discuss global economic crisis, raising shares in the IMF and the possibility of additional Special Drawing Rights.

The fund's governing board will also consider the annual report and final accounts.

Moroccan minister chairs AMF board meeting

RABAT, Sept 23, (KUNA): The administrative board of the Arab Monetary Fund began its 65th session here yesterday under the chairmanship of Moroccan Finance Minister Mohamed Berrada. The fund's Director General, Abdallah Al Qowaz, also attended.

The two-day session is devoted to reviewing the fund's lending policy and its procedures to promote the Arab economic development.

The Abu Dhabi-based fund was set up in 1976 during a meeting here of Arab ministers of finance and economy. Its capital stands at 338.7 million Arab dinars. The fund's main purpose is to help member countries readjust their balance of payments, promote inter-Arab exchanges, extend technical assistance to member countries and organise seminars and training courses in the financial and monetary sectors.

UK stocks firm

Dollar slightly lower, gold prices mixed

LONDON, Sept 23, (Agencies): The dollar ended lower in lacklustre trading in Europe today, as market players waited for the meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers on Saturday.

Gold prices were mixed. The only spark of activity in the foreign exchange market occurred when the dollar approached 1.8800. West German marks soon after US August durable goods data were released today.

The news that the orders rose 6 per cent, from a revised 7.4 per cent decline in July initially pushed the dollar higher. Market forecasts had called for an August gain of 0.8 per cent.

However, further inspection of the figures, and rumours that the US Federal Reserve was checking exchange rates, quickly erased interest in a higher dollar.

"No one is willing to commit themselves ahead of the weekend," said a chief corporate dealer at a Swiss bank.

"It was a deadly boring day," said another dealer. "It's becoming a habit," he said referring to the dollar's stagnant tone during the week.

In London, the dollar fell against the British pound. It cost \$1.6715 to buy one pound, more expensive than \$1.6675 late Thursday.

Banks and financial markets in Japan were closed today for the national autumnal Equinox Day holiday.

In London, the dollar was quoted at 134.45 yen, unchanged from its closing rate in Tokyo on Thursday.

Gold fell in London to a late bid price of \$396.50 a troy ounce, compared with \$397.75 bid late Thursday.

In Zurich, gold was higher, closing at a bid \$398.00 compared with \$397.00 bid late Thursday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell 70 cents to close at a bid \$401.72.

Silver hullion prices fell on the

London market where the metal was trading at a late bid price of \$6.22 a troy ounce, compared with Thursday's \$6.24.

West Germany's Bundesbank intervened today to sell \$30.3 million as the dollar was fixed at 1.8769 marks after a 1.8770 setting on Thursday when it sold \$30.7 million, dealers in Frankfurt said.

"Without the central banks the dollar would be above 1.90 marks," one Frankfurt dealer said. "The question is just for how long will this strategy be successful," he added.

But others said that the medium- to long-term outlook for the US currency was less promising. "Inflationary pressure in the US has receded, making further rises in US interest rates unlikely," another West German dealer added.

Most European dealers said they did not expect much from this weekend's Group of Seven meeting of non-communist

industrial nations in West Berlin which is being held alongside the International Monetary Fund/World Bank annual meetings.

Declining oil prices amid a world production glut and a new set of US indicators have recently dampened market concern about inflation so investors have been selling gold.

Crude oil prices were static prior to a meeting of OPEC's price panel set to open on Sunday at an as yet unspecified Spanish venue. Benchmark British Brent crude was quoted on spot markets at around \$13.50 barrel for immediate delivery.

In London, equity prices rebounded with Wall Street to stand mixed but marginally firm in moderate afternoon trading, with interest again limited to speculative shares.

Dealers said uncertainty over next week's UK August balance of payments figures is keeping trading thin. "The institutions aren't going to risk their investors' money in a market which is

so clearly vulnerable to a bad trade figure. The FTSE could lose 50 points in a blink," one dealer warned.

At 1449 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 1.3 points higher at 1,790.0 after trading within a very narrow range all day.

There was little corporate news to liven the day but Lonrho rose 33p to 301. Company director Paul Spicer told Reuters that Lonrho did not rule out a management buyout or asset sales if such moves would benefit shareholders.

Speculation about a possible takeover bid for Lonrho has been rife since US arbitrageur Asher B. Edelman recently disclosed a near four per cent stake in the firm.

Spicer said: "If shareholders want us to break the company up and release six pounds a share, the best team in the world for selling the assets is the Lonrho board. Similarly, we could consider buying the company ourselves."

OECD sees unemployment in industrial countries steady

PARIS, Sept 23, (AP): The average unemployment rate for the world's leading industrial countries will be unchanged in 1989 at 7.5 per cent, the OECD predicted yesterday.

In its annual outlook on employment, the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said the unemployment rate for North America will ease to 5.5 per cent in 1989 from 5.75 per cent in 1988. This would be the seventh straight decline since the rate hit 9.9 per cent in 1982.

Offsetting North America's performance, unemployment is projected to reach 7.75 per cent in Japan next year from 2.5 per cent in 1988.

Rise

The rate in Central and Western Europe is seen edging up to 9.5 per cent from 9.25 per cent. It is expected to reach 4.5 per cent, up from 4.25 per cent, for Nordic countries.

A rise from 7.25 per cent to 7.5 per cent is likely in Australia and New Zealand, and the rate is

expected to hold at 14 per cent in Southern Europe.

The OECD noted that for several European countries, unemployment is close to or higher than it was in 1983, when the current economic recovery got under way.

This is "somewhat disquieting" because the rate has stayed high despite an increase in job vacancies and many indicate that "the problem of 'mismatch' between the skills of the unemployed and the requirements of available jobs has worsened," the report said.

Approaches

The OECD suggested a broad range of approaches to confront high unemployment, including educational and training programmes targeting specific high-unemployment groups such as women, youth and older workers.

For youth, who frequently work and study simultaneously, more flexible educational and occupational structures should be sought, it said. For women,

the OECD pointed to the need for improved child-care services and anti-discrimination measures.

The group also suggested that policymakers adopt broader policies that recognise the importance of creating new companies or expanding existing businesses into new, profitable areas of growth.

The OECD forecast the following unemployment rates for each of its 24 member countries in 1988 and 1989 (figures in percentages):

Australia: 7.25; Austria: 4.25; Belgium: 11; Britain: 9.5; Canada: 7.5; Denmark: 8.5; Finland: 5.5; France: 10.75; Germany: 8.5; Greece: 7.75; Iceland: 0.75; Ireland: 19.5; Italy: 11.5; Japan: 7.75; Luxembourg: 12.25; Netherlands: 12.25; New Zealand: 7.25; Norway: 2.5; Portugal: 7.25; Spain: 14.5; Sweden: 1.75; Switzerland: 0.75; Turkey: 16; United States: 5.5; West Germany: 10.75; Total OECD: 7.5; 7.5.

Bryant testifies on disclosure of foreign assets

WASHINGTON, Sept 23, (AP): Excessive foreign investment of high-tech, defence and energy industries could narrow the country's competitive edge and endanger national security, Congressman John Bryant testified yesterday.

The sheer magnitude of foreign investment in those industries "has already resulted in increased foreign influence and leverage in US economic policy-making," the Texas Democrat told the House Foreign Affairs Sub-committee on trade and international economic policy.

The sponsor of the Bryant amendment to require foreign owners to register their major US assets with the Commerce Department, Bryant calls the rise in foreign ownership the "greatest change now taking place in our economy."

Critics of the measure contend the information already is gathered by more than a dozen agencies and that the reporting requirements are onerous, anti-competitive, and would create a massive bureaucracy.

Assets

According to the best available estimates, Bryant said, foreign investment over the past seven years in American farmland, factories, banks, businesses, buildings, government securities and other assets has tripled to more than \$1.5 trillion.

Bryant is particularly concerned with the rise in foreign ownership of energy interests.

He said Saudi Arabia owns a half-interest in Texaco's refineries, Venezuela owns a half-interest in Citgo refineries, and British Petroleum, which owns Standard Oil of Ohio, holder of a large part of Alaska's 5 billion-barrel Prudhoe Bay oil reserve, is a target of the Kuwaiti government.

Training courses for bankers

THE Institute of Banking Studies is sponsoring three training courses in various banking areas in co-operation with the US forward-trading markets and forward trader societies.

The courses will be on options markets and forward markets, modern investment instruments and financial accounting.

The first course started yesterday and the whole programme will end next Saturday.

Veto foreseen

House approves textile restraints bill

WASHINGTON, Sept 23, (Reuters): The US House of Representatives voted today to accept a Senate version of proposals for restricting textile and shoe imports, sending the politically charged bill to the White House for a near-certain presidential veto.

Reagan administration officials condemned the proposals in advance as protectionist and likely to provoke trade retaliation. But House and Senate supporters claimed thousands of American jobs were at stake because of rapidly rising imports from Asian and other countries.

The House approval vote of 248 to 150 came over the objections of influential members like Ways and Means Committee chairman Dan Rostenkowski who wanted a conference with Senate members to soften some

of the proposals. But a lengthy conference might have held the bill up so long the president could have let it die after Congress adjourns next month.

Spirit

"This bill makes the US Congress look like hypocrites," Rostenkowski complained. It violated the spirit of sweeping new US trade laws signed only a month ago that were designed to break down other countries' barriers to American exports.

"This bill invokes the very kind of trade principle we deplore in others," Rostenkowski said. But House Speaker Jim Wright said it would be quickly signed and sent to President Reagan, creating the likelihood of another election-year confrontation over trade policy.

The House originally

approved a bill to restrict textiles last year, though by less than the two-thirds margin that would be needed to overcome a veto.

The Senate approved its own quota bill on Sept 9 by a 57-32 vote, also less than a two-thirds margin.

That makes it questionable whether Congress could overcome a presidential veto and force the measures into law.

Quotas

The Senate proposed a one-year pilot programme for auctioning some of the import quotas, using the proceeds to offset losses in tariff revenues from import restraints.

The Senate bill, now adopted by the House, also would allow textile- and apparel-exporting countries to get preferential treatment if they buy rising

amounts of US farm goods.

It also puts restraints on imported silk ties.

Supporters including Republican Congressman Frank Horton of New York said the restraints were necessary because imported textiles and apparel now account for 55 per cent of total US sales annually.

Measure

Democrat John Lafalle of New York said the measure would cause the United States to "unilaterally break its work on (agreements) we have entered into bilaterally and multilaterally."

The textile restraints would supersede more than 40 bilateral agreements on regulating textile and apparel trade under the general framework of the multilateral multi-fibre arrangement.

Iran and UK seek trade boost

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept 23, (AP): A senior Iranian official said yesterday that Tehran seeks to boost trade relations with Britain, heightening speculation that efforts to restore full diplomatic relations between the two countries were gathering momentum.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said that Gholamreza Haddadi, who heads the Foreign Ministry's northern Europe desk, said the attendance of British companies at Tehran's trade fair "provided an opportunity to re-establish trade ties on the basis of mutual respect."

Diplomats

Diplomatic relations between Britain and Iran plunged to near-zero last year after an Iranian diplomat was arrested on shoplifting charges in Britain and militants kidnapped and beat a British diplomat in Tehran.

Britain has been represented by a special interest section at the Swedish embassy in Tehran.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for European and American Affairs, Mohammad Javad Larjani, said in an interview with Tehran's Resalat daily on Sept 15: "The British government did not have positive stands toward the revolution. But they have been expressing willingness to reconsider them. If the present trend continues, full diplomatic relations are likely."

The thaw in Iranian-British relations is significant. For years, Britain was ranked as second only to the United States and Soviet Union as an enemy of the Islamic Republic.

A British Foreign Office envoy, David Reddaway, visited Tehran for three weeks last month to pave the way for restoring relations.

He was allowed to visit two Britons, Roger Cooper and Nicholas Nicola, held in Iran on spying charges. It was the first time the Iranians permitted access to the men.

The English-language Tehran Times, which reflects the thinking of the more pragmatic faction in the Iranian hierarchy, said Reddaway's visit "augurs well for the restoration of London-Tehran relations at a cordial level."

British Airways' Britain's flag carrier, said on Tuesday that after a year break it will resume Tehran-London flights in December because of the ceasefire in Iran's war with Iraq.

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US orders for durable goods rise

WASHINGTON, Sept 23, (Reuters): Orders for durable goods, the most expensive manufactured items, rose six per cent in August, pointing to continued growth in the US economy, the Commerce Department said today.

Excluding the volatile defence category, durable goods orders rose 5.4 per cent last month.

The rise in durable goods orders, which cover items ranging from washing machines to jet aircraft, was stronger than most economists predicted and followed a 7.4 per cent July decline.

Wide swings in orders for transport equipment contributed to the August increase and the July decline in overall durable goods orders, the department said.

Goods

The department sometimes revises the durable goods report significantly based on new information, so the initial report is not always a reliable indicator for the economy.

Other recent figures have pointed to a slower pace of economic activity in August. The department said earlier this week that housing starts fell 3.3 per cent in August.

The pace of homebuilding has been hit hard by high mortgage rates and rising home prices. In addition, the gross national product, which measures output of goods and services, was revised down the second quarter to a three per cent annual rate of expansion from 3.3 per cent in

the previous estimate. Manufacturing industries have been strong due to a boom in export sales resulting from the cheaper dollar.

With the US currency lower against other major currencies, US manufacturers can price below foreign producers and have recaptured some of the domestic market lost to previously cheaper imports.

The seven billion August rise brought orders for durable goods to \$123.14 billion, adjusted for seasonal changes, the department said.

The 7.4 per cent July decline

was the largest in more than four years and included substantial declines in orders for transportation equipment and defence capital goods.

Orders for transportation equipment rose 20.9 per cent in August after falling 22.4 per cent in July.

Excluding transportation equipment, durable goods orders rose one per cent in August after falling 0.9 per cent in July, commerce officials said.

Orders for large military goods rose 15.3 per cent to \$8.07 billion after a very sharp 49.4 per cent drop in July.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept 23, (Reuters): Stocks closed higher as local and overseas buying returned to the market in renewed positive trading, with little downside seen in the market. The All Ordinaries index rose 9.7 points to 1,551.3.

TOKYO: Market closed for autumn Equinox holiday.

HONG KONG: Prices finished almost unchanged after firming marginally in the afternoon on positive results from a major property developer. The Hang Seng index closed 1.46 points off at 2,454.38.

SINGAPORE: Prices were lower across the board on lack of buying interest and stop-loss selling. The Straits Times industrial index fell 12.15 to 1,033.71.

BOMBAY: Profit-taking set in after two days of gains and prices closed mixed. State-owned financial institutions were among the sellers.

ZURICH: Shares were little changed in moderate pre-week trading. Investors remained cautious in view of Wall Street's fall. The All-Share Swiss index was down 1.6 at 904.4.

LONDON: Prices rebounded with Wall Street to end mixed but marginally firmer. Interest centred on speculative stocks. At 1449 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 1.3 at 1,790.0.

NEW YORK: Stocks were mixed in slow trade after blue chips recovered early losses. The Dow as up three at 2,083.

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Masters of mystery and crime (left to right) Agatha Christie, Arthur Conan Doyle, Wilkie Collins, Dorothy L. Sayers, Mary Allingham and Raymond Chandler.

Something more than a puzzle and its solution

By P.D. James

TO pick from my shelves the six best crime novels, a task which, apart from the usual difficulties and vacillations of selection, immediately poses a problem of definition.

What exactly is a crime novel? The two words can embrace a wide spectrum of writing and achievement from the cosy certainties of Mayhem Parva through Trollope and Dickens to the great Russian novelists and some of the highest works of the human imagination.

The detective story, the species of crime novel I have chosen, is more limited in form, in intention and in potential. What we get is a central mystery, usually but not necessarily a murder, a closed circle of suspects, each with a credible motive, a detective either amateur or professional who comes in rather like an avenging deity to solve the crime, and a final solution which the reader should be able to arrive at himself by logical deduction from clues planted by the writer, with essential fairness but deceptive cunning.

Thus baldly stated, the definition invites the criticism that this is mere formula writing which can never aspire to be more than sub-literary entertainment for those who prefer violence to be disinfected by fantasy, nostalgia and snobbery.

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I have resisted the temptation to include works by modern writers, some of whose books will undoubtedly feature on any future list of the world's best. The detective story has greatly changed since its so-called golden age between 1920 and 1939. The modern detective novelist, even when writing within the long-established conventions, is concerned with character rather than clues, with motive before mystery and, in exploring the ambiguities of modern morality, no longer pretends that peace and order can always be restored even by the Great Detective. And what about the spy story? This too can be a detective story, one which combines mystery with psychological realism. With novelists of the quality of Eric

Mystery writer P.D. James picks out the best six crime novels from her shelves, — books which illustrate the diversity, development and the potential of this resilient and fascinating genre.

Amherst and John le Carré there is no need to ask whether it deserves to be taken seriously.

So how, even with restricted criteria, is one to select the best among so many? Since these are detective stories whose primary function is to entertain, puzzle, surprise, excite and elucidate, should the originality and credibility of the plot rank first? Or should each work be judged solely on its merits as a novel in its style, characterisation, narrative power and setting, take precedence over the mystery and its solution, however ingenious? And what about those writers whose names do not immediately spring to mind, but who have produced one book which deserves to be included among the classics? An example is Cyril Hare with *Tragedy at Law*.

In the end I have chosen six novels, all by writers now dead who have made significant contributions to the craft, books which illustrate the diversity, the development and the potential of this resilient and fascinating genre.

All are well written. All are still being read with pleasure. All provide more than a puzzle and its solution. And like other forms of popular art they can tell us more about ourselves and the age in which they were written than does more pretentious literature.

● *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins (1868)

T. S. Eliot described *The Moonstone* as the first, the longest and the best of English detective stories and, although one can argue that enthusiasm triumphed over strict accuracy, this rich and complex novel undoubtedly ranks as a classic of the genre. It embodies many of the now established conventions: the importance of material clues and of apparent trivia in solving the mystery, the power of setting to enhance excitement and horror, strict adherence to the fair play rule, and a respect for scientific and legal facts, while in the character of the rose-fancier Sergeant Cuff Collins has created a policeman who is among the most original and credible of fictional professional detectives.

● *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle (1902)

Sherlock Holmes, created in 1886, remains the epitome of the Great Detective, combining as he does a dominant intellect with bizarre personal eccentricity and the heroic virtues of triumph over individualism. It is unlikely that either the character or his most famous case will lose their hold on the human imagination or that future readers, enthralled by this avatars study of violence and evil

in the mists of Dartmoor, will read without a frisson of horror the often-quoted words: "Mr Holmes, they were the footprints of a gigantic hound."

● *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie (1926)

The name of Agatha Christie is synonymous with the cosy English village school of the pure puzzle. Like a conjurer she spreads out her pasteboard cards, face downwards, and deceives us yet again with her cunning sleight of hand. No writer has practised so consistently or so successfully a brilliant talent to deceive. The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, a 'tour de force' of its kind, has been criticised for breaking the fair-play rule. But that is itself unfair; the essential clue is early provided in just eight words. And when Agatha Christie is slipping in a clue, every word counts.

● *The Nine Tailors* by Dorothy L. Sayers (1934)

No writer of detective stories evokes such contrasting responses as does Dorothy L. Sayers, with her aristocratic sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey. Her detractors find her snobbish, pretentious and boring. Her admirers claim that, by her vigour, panache and excellent writing, she did more than any other writer of the golden age to make the detective story intellectually respectable. *The Nine Tailors*, based on the ancient English art of change-ringing, is set in the fenlands she knew as a child and powerfully evokes the mystery, splendour, virtues and hierarchy of a lost way of life.

● *Tiger in the Smoke* by Margery Allingham (1952)

Margery Allingham's detective, Albert Campion, of aristocratic if unspecified lineage, may be a creature of fantasy in the tradition of the golden age, but her novels are strongly rooted in time and place and are excellently written with particularly effective characterisation. Even the minor characters spring vividly to life. *Tiger in the Smoke*, the story of a man-hunt in fog-shrouded London immediately after the last war, with its contrasting studies of the murderer, Havoc, and the gentle but implacable Canon Avril, refutes the common criticism that the detective story, with its artificial conventions, cannot concern itself with the great absolutes of good and evil.

● *The Long Goodbye* by Raymond Chandler (1953)

Raymond Chandler, born in Chicago and educated in England, wrote only seven detective novels but all could justifiably be included in a list of the world's best. He is memorable less for his plotting (which he found a bore) than for his brilliant and distinctive voice; terse, colloquial, witty and sardonic with a vein of poetic romanticism which is shared by his tough private eye, Philip Marlowe. *The Long Goodbye* is the book into which Chandler put most of himself, and it was Chandler who wrote his own literary epitaph: "To accept a mediocre form and make something like literature out of it is in itself rather an accomplishment."

Fodder for royalists

By Brian Masters

IT has been hinted before that the real cause of the 1936 Abdication was not Mrs Simpson's ambition but the inept parentage of King George V and Queen Mary.

They produced a son so weakened by continuous contempt that he preferred the promise of kindness to the certainty of kingship. Never has this notion been stated so clearly, however, as in Richard Hough's excellent and engrossing book *Born Royal*.

During his long labours with Mountbatten, Hough acquired much useful knowledge about the family of five boys and a girl, the "Georgie pets" as their grandmother Queen Alexandra called them, born to the future George V and his wife.

Hough has had the good idea of writing a composite biography of them all, so that we get an impression of what it was like to grow up as siblings in that atmosphere. It is a method which brings to life the repressive family tone more vividly than a biography of any one of its members.

The Duchess of Windsor has about her already and there will doubtless be many more. I should be surprised if any areas had as Wallis by Charles Highman. The writer of the blurb tells us that Highman is "a master of the in-depth biography." I think "in-depth" must mean "snooping". Highman has been everywhere turning up documents of little interest and drawing huge conclusions from them. It does not behave him to sneer at historians (I counted at least 20 instances of this) for having missed or failed to recognise what he regards as "evidence".

Penny Junor's *Charles and Princess Diana: Inspiration to authors* now appears in paperback, appears to be based upon one interview and a few weeks of collecting newspaper cuttings. We now have all the old stories repeated but tempered with a credible stab at understanding the man's personality.

The Prince of Wales, it seems, does not get on well with his father, who has no time for metaphysics or serious reading, but there is no suggestion that Philip's asperity on these matters could drive the Prince to the sort of rebellion which undid his great uncle David. Nor does Charles want to be "ordinary". He wants to be allowed to use his mind and make his own decisions, which he has done in recent years to magnificent effect. Charles appears here as an eminently sensible and intelligent man, reflective as well as dutiful.

Ingrid Seward's *Diana* is full of harmless nonsense, for example that the Queen's face still lights up whenever Prince Philip enters the room, or conversely, that the Queen Mother will pass the same man on the stairs and not deign to acknowledge him.



Prince Charles (above) and Princess Diana: Inspiration to authors

Seward insists that Charles had a row with his father, during the course of which he uttered, "You are talking to the future king of England!" The Queen is apparently delighted when she notices a palace servant moonlighting in another house because she knows she will get special service.

On Diana, herself, the author says little except that she is a delightful young lady who does her job well and will do it even better in the future.

Tim Graham's *Diana* is better than most books on the royal family because it is almost entirely without text.

His photographs of the Princess of Wales, though seen often before, are an eloquent celebration of her beauty. His pictures are properly regarded as the best.

His short introduction, however, repeats the egregious error, which the press will not learn to eradicate, of calling the lady "Princess Diana". She is nothing of the sort, and can never be, because she is not the daughter of a monarch. Her correct title is The Princess of Wales.

There is no better man to guide us through the web of relationships between Spencers, Churchills, Percys, Cavendishes and Grosvenors than Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd, who, since the death of that great monarch, Iain Moncreiffe of that ilk, is now our foremost genealogical adventurer. He writes with style and humour, and his book, *Debut's Great British Families* is as witty as it is informative.

Born Royal by Richard Hough Deutsch £14.95; Wallis by Charles Highman Sidgwick and Jackson £14.95; Charles by P. Junor, Pan £3.99; Ingrid Seward's *Diana*, £10.95; Debut's, Great British Families, Michael Joseph £15.95.

A fresh look at an intellectual aristocrat

By Bryan Martin

ALAN RYAN'S book makes no claim to compete with Russell's own *Autobiography* or Ronald Clark's *The Life of Bertrand Russell*. Rather it compensates for the inadequacies of the former — especially so far as the later years of Russell's life are concerned — and complements the latter.

In his preface, the perceptive and highly articulate Ryan emphasises the book's concern with Russell's life "as a polemicist, agitator, educator and populariser". Russell's philosophy is discussed only when it bears on his social and political views.

Reveals

Ryan reveals what an extraordinary man Russell was. Born into the aristocracy of the English establishment — Lord John Russell, twice Prime Minister, was his grandfather — and the aristocracy of the intellect, Russell was motivated by the injunction issued to him by his grandmother, Countess Russell, and written on the flyleaf of a Bible she gave him: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."

Never afraid to stand apart, as an old man in 1962 he sent indignant telegrams protesting about the Cuban missile crisis to U Thant, Harold Macmillan, Kennedy and Khrushchev. Ryan comments on the special regard in which Russell was held:

"Astoundingly, both Kennedy and Khrushchev replied, and the world was treated to the spectacle of the two most powerful men in the world arguing with each other through the sitting room of a ninety-year-old philosopher."

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Often obstinate, arrogant, and consequently infuriating, Russell nevertheless had common sense and a remarkable ability to see what others could not. He subscribed to an Arnoldian view of a responsible clergy in society: "Russell took it for granted that all progress is the work of men who are both unintelligible to and unappreciated by the great majority."

He regarded Darwin as worth 30 million ordinary mortals. As the product of a 19th-century Liberal background, he was obsessed by education.

He advocated progressive views: defence of pre-marital sex, companionate marriage, sex education in schools, and public support of birth-control. The publication of *Marriage and Morals* cost him a professorship at City University of New York. His ideas hardly shock now.

Inconsistent

Superficially Russell might appear inconsistent. He opposed the First World War, he supported Great Britain's fight against Nazi Germany. Ryan's deeper study shows a steady, rationalist view, tempered by increase of knowledge and experience. Nuclear weapons prompted him to demand "a world government strong enough to contain the new menace." He even advocated that the United States should be that sole world-power — a country which, in other circumstances, he detested for its involvement in Vietnam.

Ryan writes in an engagingly lively, intelligent way. As an accomplished book-reviewer himself, he makes the most of taking a fresh look at many of Russell's publications, for example *The Scientific Outlook*, in which Russell is brutal in argument that science and religion are irreconcilable, or *Power*, in which Russell shrewdly analyses the psychology of revolutionary leaders. As Ryan quips, Russell was "capable of writing better sense in ten pages than most sociologists in ten volumes."

Bertrand Russell: *A Political Life*, by Alan Ryan, Allen Lane, £16.95.



Jeffrey Archer: fares best when he strives least

Archer's tales of the unexpected

By Miranda Seymour

"WE then strolled into the car park. I opened the passenger door of my Scirocco to allow Amanda to climb in."

"A slight improvement on London Transport," she said as I slid into my side of the car...

"It's still very early," I ventured after a few inconsequential remarks about the club evening. "Have you time to drop in for a drink?"

"It would have to be quick one," she replied, looking at her watch. "I've a busy day ahead of me tomorrow."

"Do you work in town?" I asked.

"Yes. I'm a receptionist for a firm of estate agents in Berkeley Square."

Gripped? If so, you are an incurable Archerite. But I cannot believe that I am the only reader of popular novels who does not understand what the fuss is all about. Hoping to find out, I have been wading through the Archer oeuvre.

I have learnt a lot about cars and how to park them, a bit about tax dodges and how to talk to bank managers, and a fair amount about wine. But can I honestly say that at any moment Archer's writing pleased me or that his acclaimed storytelling swept me forward without a yawn? Regrettably, I cannot.

Short stories are, I understand, the genre in which Archer wishes to be taken seriously. A publicity handout accompanying *A Twist in the Tale* proclaims that an earlier work, *A Quiver Full of Arrows*, was "a marvellously varied collection of short stories that received major critical acclaim."

I did, too. Since the critics told Archer that he was witty, moving and more urbane than Somerset Maugham, it is not surprising that he decided to write a second collection. Each story would lead to an unlooked-for conclusion, and their cleverness would be clearly indicated by the title.

What can I say? Archer certainly pulls off some surprises with his conclusions. The impact is equivalent to going into reverse gear by mistake at 100 mph: unexpected and very uncomfortable. The first tale, of a man who murders his mistress and then watches the wrong man being put in the dock, depends for its effect on making the reader believe the murderer could be the foreman on the jury. "Co-incidence," writers are told, must be avoided. Archer observes in another story. Coincidence is assuredly the undoing of this one.

The Loophole, in which a man libels his best friend in order that the friend may sue for damages while he can claim the money back through a legal loophole left me utterly baffled by the explanation which provides the shock denouement.

Archer fares best when he strives least. The most successful tales, *Clean Sweep* Ignatius and *Just Good Friends*, are the simplest. These two are short, well-placed and neatly concluded. A pleasant wit comes into play here which surprised me far more than the implausible revelations which provide the twist in the more elaborate tales.

A Twist in the Tale by Jeffrey Archer Hodder £9.95 pp221

Barbara Cartland assails a new book attacking marriage

In defence of decency

LIZ HODGKINSON'S *Unholy Matrimony* is a tedious volume of all that is worst and most damaging in Women's Lib.

Her contention is that marriage is out of date — bad for men and of course, in her eyes, degrading for women — the Wedding Ring being a symbol of bondage.

What she wants is for everyone to be an individual and to have sexual contact with anyone they fancy.

I would have thought, with the appalling mess made in the era from which we are just emerging that even frustrated, cynical women like Mrs Hodgkinson would have realised the futility of their ways.

Unfortunately, they are still harping on about "freedom" from the masculine yoke and their "right" to be promiscuous.

The beginning of the 1970s was hailed as "The Romantic Age."

However, Women's Lib jumped on the bandwagon and made it "The Promiscuous Age" — with disastrous results. Publishers instructed their authors to write romance WITH pornography. Every type of perversion was acceptable and the media — above all television and videos — wallowed in filth.

The newspapers combed the country for sexual crimes which incited those who read them to go further. Prayers were removed from

the majority of state schools in the UK. Homosexuality and lesbianism were taught in a number.

Those who subscribed to these indications began to demand their "rights." Women's Lib insisted they be allowed sexually to behave like men, despite the medical fact that for a woman to be promiscuous affects her character and her personality.

Nature reacted to the situation as she had all through civilisation and every country developed AIDS.

I cannot imagine anything more disastrous than to abolish marriage.

Love which is not lust is still believed in by the girls who wish to be married in church, and at least their marriage starts off in the right way with the blessing of God.

Women's Lib has done enough harm in that 15-year-old girls are being bullied at school for not having had sex.

The number of illegitimate babies born to teenagers has increased enormously in the past 10 years.

Girls leaving school are told that it is more important to have a career than to be a wife and mother.

This is resulting in a whole generation of young thugs and muggers without any discipline and without love.

Unholy Matrimony: The Case for Abolishing Marriage, by Liz Hodgkinson, Columbus, £9.95.

Frenchmen's bones lie in W.B. Yeats' grave

By Jonathan Petre

THOUSANDS of admirers of the poet W. B. Yeats, who will make the pilgrimage to his grave in County Sligo for the 50th anniversary of his death next year, will almost certainly be paying their respects not to his remains but to those of several anonymous Frenchmen.

Yeats died in France in 1939 where he was buried in a "pauper's grave." In 1948 his supposed remains were brought to Ireland for a state funeral in the churchyard at Drumcliffe.

But new research shows that his bones became muddled up

with those of the French paupers buried alongside him when they were dug up as part of a regular clear out of the communal grave and moved for storage to a nearby ossuary.

Last week, Dr John Kelly, a leading Yeats expert, conceded that the claim, based on a series of hitherto unpublished letters, represented a "very cruel irony" because the poet had specifically asked to be buried in Drumcliffe, where his grandfather had been the rector, in his 1938 poem *Under Ben Bulbin*.

In the poem Yeats wrote: "Under bare Ben Bulbin's head In Drumcliffe churchyard Yeats is laid."

He concluded it with his own epitaph which is now carved on the gravestone: "Cast a cold eye on life, on death, on horseman, pass by!"

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In her book, published next month, she writes that Gluck and another friend of the poet, the writer Edith Shackleton Heald, made a sentimental journey to Yeats's first burial place in Roquebrune before his

"reburial" in Ireland, where they were horrified to discover that no grave existed.

The local French priest, Abbe Biancheri, was apologetic, but explained that the poet's widow had paid only for an economy grave, and the remains, along with those of others hurried alongside, had been dug up in 1946 and moved to the communal ossuary.

When moves were started to bring Yeats's bones to Ireland, his friends wrote to the priest, who made it clear in a letter that he regarded it as virtually impossible, even with medical and dental records, for the poet's bones to be identified or even found.

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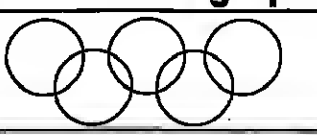
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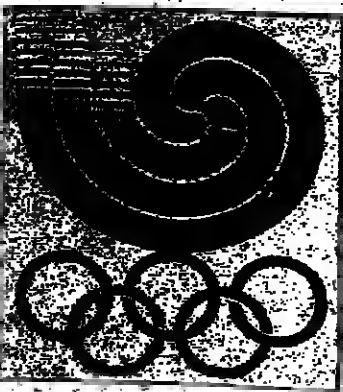
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Upstarts take on masters in soccer quarterfinals

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (Reuters): A South American showdown and two clashes between upstarts and past masters are the highlights of the quarterfinals in an Olympic soccer tournament which so far has produced 71 goals and brought underdogs some unexpected victories.

Soccer pygmies Australia take on the mighty Soviet Union while Zambia, the surprise stars of the qualifying matches, face West Germany, a team with proven pedigree, on Sunday.

In normal circumstances a match between Brazil and arch-rivals Argentina would guarantee passionate, skilful football with only the foolhardy willing to pick a winner.

Scrapped

But Sunday's clash between the two giants of the game is being talked about as a one-sided affair, so impressive are Brazil and so lacklustre an underdog Argentina.

Italy, who scraped into the last eight after earlier being humbled 4-0 by Zambia, play Sweden in the last quarterfinal.

Zambia's European-based striker, Kalusha Bwalya, a naturally left-sided player with an appetite for goals, stands between West Germany and a semifinal place.

Bwalya, who plays for Bruges in the Belgian League, is the top scorer of the tournament, with six goals from three games, including a hat-trick against Italy. His exploits in Seoul have had football managers reaching for their cheque books.

Zambia's coach Sammel Ndlovu reckons an upset is on the cards if the stars of the Bundesliga allow Bwalya any room at all. "We have clicked at the right time," he said. "The team has a 50-50 chance of victory."

West Germany will be without the experienced Frank Mill, who has been suspended for picking up two cautions.

The Australian team, drawn from labourers, electricians and professional footballers at the end of their careers, have begun to believe in themselves through the inspiration of coach Frank Arok.

In his sixth year in charge he believes he has at last welded together a team that can live with the best in the world.

The test will come against the Soviet Union, led by the Dynamo Kiev midfielder Alexei Mikhailichenko who has ventured forward more often than he did in the European Championships and is top scorer for the Russians with three goals.

Watching

"I will be spending 20 hours in front of the television watching videos of the Soviet Union's matches," said the Yugoslav-born Arok.

"After that I will decide on a game plan. The first and greatest achievement was getting through."

Brazil, 1984 Olympic silver medalists in Los Angeles, scored nine goals on the way to the last eight with the kind of samba-style soccer for which they are renowned.

JOHNSON SUFFERS SCARE IN 100 METRES HEATS

Otto swims to fourth Olympic gold

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (Reuters): Golden girl Kristin Otto swam to her fourth title and Matt Biondi made it a hat-trick on a world record day in the Olympic pool today but there was trouble for track stars at the Seoul Games.

Two defending champions crashed out in qualifying heats on the opening day of the track and field competition. World sprint champion Ben Johnson gambled and almost lost a spot in tomorrow's 100 metres semifinals.

Stormed

East German Otto, with the 100 metres freestyle, backstroke and 4x100 freestyle relay golds under her belt, stormed up from third place at the halfway mark in the 100 metres butterfly to touch home in an Olympic and European record time of 59.00 seconds.

Biondi claimed his third gold medal when he anchored the United States to victory in the men's 4x100 freestyle relay in a world record time of three minutes 16.53 seconds. The Soviet Union won the silver and East Germany took bronze.

East German Uwe Dassler set the second world mark of the night, waiting to the last length of



Joyner-Kersey clears the last barrier during her heptathlon 100m hurdles heat. (Reuters wirephoto)

his 400 metres freestyle final to surge past his rivals on the way to a record finish of three minutes 46.95 seconds.

Australia's Duncan Armstrong on silver and Polish bronze medalist Artur Wojdat were both inside the 3:47.38 world mark Wojdat set in March.

The US relay triumph was the only swimming gold for the West on a night East European nations took five of the six up for grabs.

World and European champion Jozsef Szabo of Hungary won the 200 metres breaststroke and Tania Dangalakova led the Bulgarians to a one-two victory in the women's 100 metres breaststroke.

Johnson took the day off as the world's fastest man and slowed at the end of his 100 metres second round heat. The Canadian finished a surprise third to qualify for tomorrow's semifinals as one of only four fastest losers.

His arch-rival and defending



Mota lays out a wild yell after winning the gold medal in the marathon. (Reuters wirephoto)

champion Carl Lewis showed no hesitation in his heat and stormed across the line in 9.99 seconds, the fastest time of the day.

Portugal's Rosa Mota won the first track and field medal in the women's marathon, breezing into the Olympic stadium past unfilled stands sporting the broad grin of an early-morning jogger.

Record

East German Ulf Timmermann secured the shot crown on his last put and Czechoslovak soldier Jozef Prihilinec was crowned 20 km champion with an Olympic record time.

Away from the Olympics, police fired tear gas to disperse about 200 South Korean students trying to surge off their campus in a Seoul suburb in a protest at the arrest of their union leader, witnesses said.

It was the first time tear gas has

Games venues. No injuries or arrests were reported.

In the 800 metres, medal favourites Said Aouita of Morocco, Briton Steve Cram and Brazilian Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz sailed through their first tests. But two defending champions crashed out of competition.

Italy's Alberto Cova's reign as the 10,000 metres champion ended in a 10th place finish and failure to qualify for the final by more than 20 seconds.

Romania's Maricica Puca quit her heat before the last bend suffering from stomach pains and a headache and lost her grip on the 3,000 metre title.

Beaten

American Mary Slaney qualified in the second heat but momentarily relived the horror of her fall in a clash with Britain's Zola Budd at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. She said she was almost tripped two laps from the finish.

A world record tumbled twice in cycling. The Australian four set a four km team pursuit mark of four minutes 16.32 seconds, only to see it beaten later when their Soviet rivals wheeled in with 4:16.10.

been used in the capital since before the Games opened last weekend. The incident occurred at Korea university, far from the



Johnson (centre) springs from the blocks at the start of his heat. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pakistan maintain winning record

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept. 23, (AP): Pakistan, defending gold medalists, beat Argentina 2-1 while India came from behind to defeat host South Korea 3-1 in third-day action in the Olympic men's field hockey tournament yesterday.

Pakistan took the preliminary-round lead in the six-nation Group A with a clean 3-0 record. Argentina has lost all three matches it played.

In the six-nation Group B, it was India's first win against one loss and one draw. South Korea has lost two games and tied another.

Pakistan showed fine attacks and defence in the first half, scoring on a direct field shot by Shahbaz Ahmed in the 23rd minute.

The Pakistani eleven, led by captain Nasir Ali, one of two starters returning from the 1984 Olympic team, earned another goal in the 60th minute when Zahid Sharif smacked the ball into the net from inside the circle.

The sole Argentine goal was by

Marcelo Mascheroni on a penalty corner shot three minutes before the final whistle.

"We couldn't give all we had because of the chilly weather in the morning. We are not accustomed to it," said Pakistani team coach Manzoor Hassan.

Pakistan excelled in the sport in the 1960s, often beating the Indians who had won six Olympic gold medals in a row through 1956. After its slump in the 1970s, Pakistan has shown signs of posing a significant challenge again.

Wave

South Korea started aggressively before a wild partisan crowd at Songnam stadium, and scored in the 15th minute on a penalty corner goal by Kim Young-Joon.

The Indians rallied in the second half and scored three field goals in a wave of attacks, by Thoiha Singh in the 34th minute, by Sebastian Jude Felix in the 59th and again by Thoiha in the 67th.

India's team manager Jaganlal Sharma said, "after a slow start, the team has regained control and form. We still have hopes to win a berth in the semifinals."

India has yet to face Canada and Britain in the preliminary round. The two teams winning the most points in each pool will advance to the semifinals.

Meanwhile, a penalty stroke awarded two minutes from time yesterday may have cost second seeds Britain a semifinal place.

The stroke was smartly converted by Stefan Bloembergen to give West Germany, the third seeds, a 2-1 victory after they had trailed for most of the game.

Australian umpire Don Prior gave the penalty after a flicked shot by Carsten Fischer hit the stick of British defender Paul Barber at neck level.

"Four years of work can go on a marginal decision like that," said British coach David Whitaker after the match. "We have no complaints against the

umpire, we just feel he made an error."

Barber put Britain ahead in the first minute of the Group B match with a penalty corner goal.

"But the West Germans went unrewarded for tremendous pressure until they scored with their 11th penalty corner 12 minutes from time when Fischer flicked in."

All the top teams found the going hard in their third matches. The Soviet Union were held to a goalless draw by Canada who gained their first point.

Australia joined Pakistan at the top of Group A. Pakistan can only be prevented from making the semifinals by the Dutch who were beaten 3-2 by Australia.

Top seeds Australia led 2-0 after six minutes against the fourth seeds with goals by Neil Hawgood and Mark Hager. Colin Bate added the third, a field goal, before a Dutch recovery brought two penalty corner scores from Floris Bovelander.

But before the Australians had time to savour their record they had it snatched from them by the Soviet Union.

China turns on the power

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (Reuters): China turned on the power at the start of the Olympic table tennis tournament today, sending a warning to rivals with easy opening round wins.

Table tennis is making its debut as an official Olympic event, offering gold medals in the men's and women's singles and doubles. The Chinese are world champions in all these events except the women's doubles.

Jiang Jialing, men's singles world champion in 1985 and 1987, began the medal quest with an easy 21-12, 21-10, 21-7 win in

17 minutes over Tunisia's Joudi Lofli.

China's number two Chen Longcan demolished Mauritius' Alain Choo 21-12, 21-6, 21-9 while a third Chinese, Xu Xiang, crushed Indonesia's Tony Meringgi 21-8, 21-14, 21-18.

Chinese players are expected to face a stiff challenge in the semifinals on October 1 from Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner and Poland's Andrzej Grubba.

Waldner, who lost to Jiang in last year's world championship final in New Delhi, beat Gilani Hosnani of Mauritius 21-8, 21-9, 21-14.

Graf edges Meskhi for third round

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (Reuters): Steffi Graf fell short of her own perfectionist's standards with a slow start to the Olympic tennis tournament today but still went safely through to the third round.

West German Graf, who with the other 11 seeds had a bye into the second round of the women's draw of 48, beat Russian qualifier Lilia Meskhi 7-5, 6-1.

All the top women's seeds in

action at the Olympic Park today — Americans Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison and Russian teenager Natalia Zvereva among them — won their second-round matches with little trouble.

As world number one and the first Grand Slam champion since 1970, Graf has appearances to keep up. But she was clearly exasperated by her first outing on the centre court.

Zvereva, seeded sixth, is the Soviet Union's main medal hope in the singles following the defeat of her two compatriots, eighth-seed Andrei Chesnokov and Andrei Cherkasov, in the early rounds of the men's competition.

The 17-year-old Zvereva, who beat Australian Anne Minter 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 in a match featuring 11 service breaks, was clearly aware of the responsibility.

Cycling record falls twice

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (Reuters): The 4-km team pursuit cycling world record fell twice within an hour.

First, the Australian quartet of Brett Dutton, Wayne McCarty, Stephen McGlede and Dean Woods clocked four minutes 16.32 seconds.

But before the Australians had time to savour their record they had it snatched from them by the Soviet Union.

South Koreans attack boxing referee

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (Reuters): South Korean fans and officials, incensed by the defeat of a local fighter, swarmed into the Olympic boxing ring yesterday and attacked the New Zealand referee with fists, karate kicks and chairs.

The organisers, after nine hours of emergency meetings, suspended the chief Korean coach and four other boxing officials indefinitely.

"These events were the most disgraceful I have ever seen in a boxing ring," International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) president Anwar Chowdhury told a press conference.

Bad-tempered

The morning session mayhem erupted when bantamweight (54 kg) medal hope Byun Jong-Il lost a bad-tempered second round bout to Bulgarian Alexander Hristov 4-1 on points.

The dejected Byun, who refused to budge from the ring for more than an hour in protest at the result, was also suspended by AIBA.

A boxing doctor said he treated three or four people for



South Korean assistant boxing coach Lee Chung-Ha (2nd left) hits Walker (2nd right). (Reuters wirephoto)

minor injuries.

Referee Keith Walker had deducted vital points from the Korean for repeatedly butting and the New Zealand referee was the main target for the mob fury.

Led by chair-wielding chief trainer Lee Heong-Soo, a horde of Koreans invaded the ring and rained punches and kicks on

minutes with a jostling, punching mob, one Korean stood at the ropes waving for even more people to join the fray.

Order was restored only when armed police entered the 7,500-seat stadium and escorted Walker to the dressing-rooms. One Korean kicked him as he left the ring.

Walker, who rushed to Seoul airport to fly home after the brawl, was also suspended, said Chowdhury who criticised his refereeing lapses.

Chowdhury, who also announced that a Korean protest against the result had been rejected, said the AIBA committee based their rulings on a video recording of the fight.

Shaken but not stirred after his ordeal, Walker insisted at the airport that he had done a good job.

When asked by reporters if it had been suggested he should leave the country, Walker replied: "I suggested I leave the country," he said he would retire.

Kim Seung-Yon, president of the Korean Amateur Boxing Association (KABF) said he would resign to take the blame for the melee, which was quickly

blackened out from local television screens.

"I will take responsibility and resign as head of the KABF straight after the Games," he said, adding that the referee was also at fault for not penalising the Bulgarian for holding.

Asked about the lack of security in an otherwise heavily-policed Games, one embarrassed Korean official said:

"Our security is geared towards fans. What can you do when the trainers go in?"

Guarantee

The AIBA president said he had been assured by the Seoul Games organisers that security in the boxing arena would be stepped up to guarantee there was no repeat.

"Without these assurances the competition would not have been resumed," he added.

The sense of national shame at the boxing brawl, much of it seen on television throughout the world, was summed up by the English-language Korea Herald.



Shushunova takes gold

SEOUL, Sept. 23, (Reuters): Yelena Shushunova raised Olympic gymnastics to new heights and took the women's all round title in Seoul today but failed to match the popular appeal of her predecessors.

The 19-year-old Russian was last to compete on the vaulting horse and needed a mark of 9.975 points to catch her Romanian rival Danilela Silivas. She nervously met the challenge and, earning a maximum score of 10, grabbed the gold by the narrowest possible margin.

She also earned a 10 in the floor exercise and won with a total of 79.662 points.

Silivas scored 10s on the floor and asymmetrical bars to take the silver with 79.637 points and

the Soviet Union's Svetlana Boginskaya took the bronze with 79.400.

Failed

But the stern-faced Shushunova, who finally managed to crack a smile after taking the title, clearly failed to win the hearts of fans in the style of Olga Korbut, who placed a lowly seventh at the 1972 Munich Games, and Romanian Nadia Comaneci who took the 1976 all-round title.

If there were medals for bravery an award would go to Canadian gymnast Lori Strong, who fractured her right ankle during the floor exercise but managed to finish the routine before dropping out of the competition.

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

Judo fighters

JAPAN'S judo fighters, led by mountainous heavyweight Hitoshi Saito, will try to erase the memory of an ignominious defeat when the Olympic competition opens tomorrow. The Japanese team suffered severe loss of face when they won only two gold medals, against South Korea's six, at the 1986 Asian Games.

Cuban delegation

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23, (AP): Cuban President Fidel Castro awarded medals to the sports delegation that boycotted the Summer Olympic Games in support of North Korea. Cuba's official news agency Prensa Latina reported.

Gold medal

BULGARIAN weightlifter Mitko Grablev was stripped of his Olympic gold medal and ordered home on Thursday because he cheated by using a banned weight-reducing drug.

Spain win

SPAIN, trailing by 13 points in the first half, overcame Canada 94-84 yesterday to set up a showdown against Brazil in the Olympic basketball tournament. The Brazilians, led by scoring machine Oscar Schmidt's 39 points, routed Egypt 138-83 to equal Spain's 3-1 record ahead of their meeting today.

Dutch triumph

LISANNE LEJEUNE scored four goals as the Netherlands, the defending Olympic women's hockey champions, romped to a 5-1 win over Britain in their second Group A match yesterday. The win virtually ensures the Dutch a semifinal spot.

Yachting regatta

LARISA MOSKALENKO turned on the power to win the women's 470 race as the Soviet Union finally came good to finish first in three classes at the Olympic yachting regatta yesterday.

Youngest winner

HUNGARIAN sports instructor Janos Martinek, 23, ran into he collapsed to become the youngest winner of the Olympic modern pentathlon gold medal on Thursday.

American gymnast

AMERICAN gymnast Charles Lakes, buoyed by his finish in the men's Olympic individual all-around finals, has changed his mind about retiring after the Seoul Summer Games and says he'll stay in the sport long enough to go to Barcelona in 1992.

Athletes leaving

WITH the number of losers mounting as Olympic competition intensifies, some disappointed athletes have decided to head back home. Sixty-seven athletes and officials from 13 countries have left the Olympic village.

Special festival

A SPECIAL Olympic park festival is under way to honour the athletes from the 160 nations attending the Summer Games. Each night different activities highlight a continent. Among the guest stars are the company of "Hollywood Showboat," the Senegal folk dance team, the Australian Golden Trio, the French Can-Can dancing team and contestants in the Miss California beauty pageant.

Horses eliminated

AN Italian horse died of heart failure and three other mounts were eliminated on the orders of veterinarians before Thursday's final showjumping round of the Olympic three-day event, officials said.

Exhibition sport

AS an exhibition sport, taekwondo carries no official rankings in the Summer Games medal listings, but Nepal's 50 kg bronze medalist is going home with much more. Bidhan Lama will be awarded \$4,500 and may be decorated with a service medal from the king of his country, the Nepalese National Olympic committee says.

Funniest resident

MAPUNDA SIMON, a team official from Tanzania, quickly acquired a reputation as the funniest resident of the African section of the Olympic village. Simon, 30, sometimes goes to the village disco to sing his own rendition of the famous Korean folk song "Wild (Mountain) Rabbit." Back home, he is an official of the Tanzania Ministry of Culture and Sports.

Instant hero

OLYMPIC gold medal swimmer Anthony Nesty of Surinam became an instant folk hero at home, a country with only 10 peols and a chronic lack of chlorine so athletes often must swim in duckweed, a Dutch report said Thursday. Midway through the Olympic basketball game between the United States and Canada, a commentator trembling with nervousness interrupted the programme to announce Nesty won the 100 metres butterfly gold medal in Seoul. De Volkskrant reported from the capital Paramaribo,

SPORTS

AUSSIES FAIL TO CAPITALISE ON EARLY BREAKTHROUGH

Ejaz's unbeaten 122 lifts Pakistan

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Sept 23, (Reuters): Pakistan, sent crashing to 25 for four by Australia's new-ball burst, were rescued when Ejaz Ahmad scored his maiden Test century today.

Ejaz, playing in his 12th Test, hammered an unbeaten 122 to lift Pakistan to 244 for five at the close of the opening day of the second Test in the three-match series.

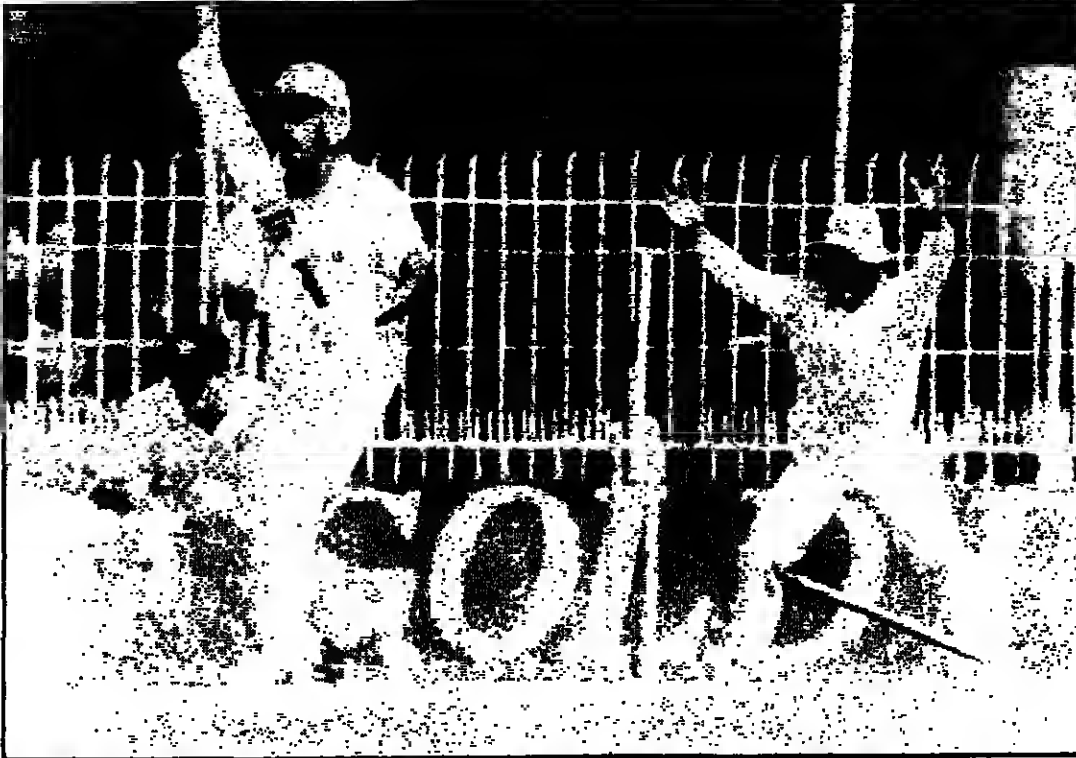
Talented middle-order batsman Ejaz was supported initially by his captain Javed Miandad (43) in a fifth wicket stand of 119 and then by wicketkeeper Saleem Yousuf (52 not out) in an unfinished sixth wicket partnership of exactly 100.

Australia were seeking to put behind them the trauma of the first Test, which they lost by an innings and 188 runs amid a war of words over the Karachi pitch and the umpiring of Mahboob Shah.

Ironically it was Shah who awarded them their first dismissal here giving out opener Rameez Raja 16w for nought after Miandad won the toss.

The successful bowler was Tony Dodemaide, who added the wickets of Shoaib Mohammad (11) and Salim Malik (0), while left-arm pacer Bruce Reid accounted for opener Mudassar Nazar (9).

However, Australia's progress



Border (right) celebrates as Salim Malik's stumps are shattered. (Reuters wirephoto)

was halted by Ejaz and his captain in their century stand.

Ejaz kept his prodigious hitting power under control for the most part, though he clogged leg-spinner Peter Sleep, brought in to replace off-spinner Peter Taylor,

for two sixes and hit a total of 17 fours.

Miandad, who scored 211 at Karachi, fell to a superb two-handed catch by David Boon at forward short-leg off Tim May's off-spin shortly before tea.

Pakistan, 182 for five at the interval, prospered through the last session as Ejaz reached his hundred and Yousuf underlined his batting prowess with a half century.

Earlier, the veteran Mudassar

completed 4,000 runs in Test cricket, the third Pakistani after Miandad and Zaheer Abbas to reach the target.

The Karachi Test ended in acrimony with Australia protesting bitterly about the pitch and the umpiring and Pakistan deploring the visitors' public criticism.

Australia considered abandoning the tour but decided to carry on for the sake of the game. They asked the International Cricket Conference (ICC) to investigate playing conditions here.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings
Mudassar Nazar c Marsh b Reid 9
Rameez Raja lbw b Dodemaide 0
Shoaib Mohammad b Dodemaide 11
Javed Miandad c Boon b May 43
Salim Malik b Dodemaide 0
Ejaz Ahmed not out 122
Saleem Yousuf not out 52
Extras (b-2 lb-2 nb-3) 7
Total (five wickets) 244
Fall of wickets: 1-4 2-28 3-24 4-25 5-144

To bat: Abdul Qadir, Taseef Ahmed, Iqbal Qasim, Saleem Jaffer.
Bowling to date: Reid 19-4-57-1, Dodemaide 24-3-25-0, Wang 11-3-36-0, Sleep 4-1-23-0, May 16-3-48-1, Border 6-1-11-0.

Australia — D. Boon, G. Marsh, D. James, G. Wood, A. Border (captain), S. Waugh, T. May, P. Sleep, I. Healy, B. Reid, A. Dodemaide.

Australians relieved as troubled tour continues

SYDNEY, Sept 23, (Reuters): The Australian government and cricket officials today breathed a sigh of relief after captain Allan Border and his team decided to continue their troubled tour of Pakistan.

"The Australian cricket tour of Pakistan will continue as planned," Australian cricket board (ACB) chairman Malcolm Gray announced in a statement.

The Australian team on Tuesday threatened to abandon their tour after losing the first match of the three-Test series by an innings and 188 runs, protesting about unfair umpiring and a sub-standard pitch.

Wisdom

The Australian government expressed concern over the string of incidents in Pakistan, and a spokesman for the minister for sports said: "The government hopes that wisdom will prevail and they will stay there. There are problems obviously, but it could be seen as a poor effort if they pulled out."

Gray said the ACB were kept fully informed about conditions encountered by Australia in the first Test in Karachi.

He added "(And) in accordance with ICC (International Cricket Conference) rules, the team manager has lodged a formal complaint about the playing conditions and an objection to the appointment of the umpires for the second Test."

The ACB refused to make any further comment on the issue.

Border, in the heat of the moment after the heavy defeat, vowed to quit the tour in an attempt to bring international focus on the situation in Pakistan.

The Australian captain said he had never anywhere seen a worse pitch than the one used at the national stadium for the first Test.



Chappel: critical

Colin Eggar, the Australian team manager in Pakistan, told reporters: "The Australian cricket team is aware of its responsibilities to the game and to future generations of international cricketers. For that reason, we will fulfil our commitment on this tour."

Australia's troubles followed umpiring controversy when Mike Gatting's England team toured Pakistan last year.

Ian Chappel, Australia's most successful Test captain and now a respected sports commentator, was highly critical of Border's outburst.

Chose: "There were times at Gallipoli and Dunkirk when the Australian diggers (soldiers) should have quit for their own good. But they chose to stand and fight," Chappel wrote in the Sydney Morning Herald, yesterday, overlooking the minor historical quibble that there were no Australian Army units in the 1940 evacuation of the British Army from Dunkirk.

"Where was the digger spirit when the present Australian cricket team, under the misguidance of Allan Border, contemplated quitting the Pakistan tour?" he asked. "The idea of aborting the trip becomes even harder to swallow when the reason for such talks is a sound thrashing."

Burridge to be on guard against Liverpool

LONDON, Sept 23, (Reuters): Liverpool have been hit by their worst injury crisis for three years, but Southampton goalkeeper John Burridge will still be on his guard when he faces the English Soccer League champions tomorrow.

The highly-experienced Burridge warned: "Liverpool are the best team in the world. If you underestimate them you are likely to get slaughtered."

Southampton, in second place after a flying start to their First Division season, face Liverpool side whose injury problems are described by Kenny Dalglish as the worst since he became their player-manager in 1985.

Possibility: The return of Dalglish to First Division action — he came on as substitute in Liverpool's League Centenary Trophy game at Arsenal on Tuesday — remains a possibility.

Dalglish confined himself to two appearances as a substitute during his team's 1987-88 championship-winning campaign, but said after an accomplished display against Arsenal: "The way things are going, anyone with two legs stands a chance of playing."

Goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar, who is ill, defender Alan Hansen and midfielder Steve McMahon, both injured, are three key casualties.

However, England winger John Barnes may return to fourth-placed Liverpool's lineup at Southampton after missing two matches with a hamstring strain.

Dalglish will await the outcome of late fitness checks on Jan Molby (ankle), Nigel Spackman (knee) and Barry Venison (knee) before finalising his plans.

Welsh international defender Pat van den Hauwe is poised to make his first full appearance of the season for Everton in their home match against Luton. He missed the start of the programme through injury but came on as a substitute at Millwall last Saturday.

Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy is likely to return to the Luton defence after missing last weekend's home defeat by Manchester United with an ankle injury.

Leaders Norwich are expected to be unchanged for the fifth successive game as they seek to consolidate their successful start at home to third-placed Millwall, who have launched their first season in Division One impressively.

Striker Robert Fleck, who has spurred Norwich with three goals, said: "We've been working hard in our matches and there's a good spirit in the team, but otherwise we are not doing anything different from last season."

Meanwhile, Manchester United defender Paul McGrath has turned down an offer to join English First Division club Tottenham because of his wife's reluctance to move, Tottenham manager Terry Venables said today.

Mattar finishes second in Dubai Rally

Bin Khalifa speeds to victory

DUBAI, Sept 23: Ahmed Bin Khalifa, driving his Land Rover 110, yesterday won the BP 2000 Dubai Rally, the second qualifying round of the 1988 Marlboro Desert Challenge by a margin of four minutes and 50 seconds from another local Mohammed Mattar, also in a locally prepared Land Rover.

This win for the current UAE national champion is his first international victory, and his second major rally win, the other being the 1987 Masafi Rally, also a 4 x 4 event.

Following the cancellation of Thursday's stage, the emphasis shifted to yesterday's remaining six special stages, and a highly exciting battle ensued with stamina and car preparation to be of major importance.

On the very first stage of the day's rallying the trend set in for the remainder of this BP 4 x 4 event. The 58 kms Medina stage, which was to be repeated twice, saw the Mitsubishi-Ralliart Pajero of Dubai's Abdullah Omar set a very quick time of 40 minutes and 23 seconds, with Ahmed Bin Khalifa just one second in arrears.

However, tyre problems were soon to follow for Omar driving a Mitsubishi. On SS 4 he suffered a puncture early on the 37 km stage and lost over four minutes to Khalifa.

Marwan Mohammed suffered a setback in this stage also when his engine stopped. However, for Omar his chances of victory suffered a setback when he was hit by two more punctures later in the event.

There were many early casualties with only 11 finishing this rally which saw 20 cars at yesterday morning's restart. Mohammed Al Kindi in a Range Rover, retired on the 18 kms Garden Stage after he rolled his car. Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Bin Laden was forced out with a broken fuel line, and local expatriate Bob Nicholson retired with a broken front differential on his Range Rover.

Crews: The all sand Dubai 4 x 4 classic proved an almost unattainable prize for the visiting crews from other Gulf countries. Omani novice Harib Bin Thowaini Al Said, in his Land Rover 110 like

Saudi Arabia's Bin Laden, also went out on the massive Medina Stage with a broken clutch.

Qatari Al Mousawi, in the short wheel base Mitsubishi-Ralliart Pajero, proved to be the only serious challenger to the local crews. However, the 27-year-old from Doha and his Bahrain based navigator George Baryan were forced into retirement on SS 4, a broken prop shaft put them out of the rally.

Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al Malaki, in a Marlboro backed Range Rover, was running well earlier in the day, despite 3 punctures. However, on the final stage of the event a gear box problem cost him a massive 24 minute time loss.

Four Dubai drivers drove with distinction in this 443km long event. Veteran Abdullah Omar in the long wheel Mitsubishi Pajero was always on the pace but hampered by tyre problems. Navier driver Mattar in only his fourth event and the first on soft sand along with Marwan Mohammed, proved their winning potential.

With both Qatar's Al Mousawi and now Dubai's Bin Khalifa already having qualified for the 1988 Marlboro Desert Challenge, the battle resumes in Kuwait next month. Mattar, along with Abdullah Omar and Saudi's Bin Laden and Al Malaki have already declared their intention to contest the BP 2000 Trophy in Kuwait on October 21.

Results

1. Khalifa/Al, Land Rover, 2:43:50, UAE; 2. Mattar/Amiri, Land Rover, 2:48:00, UAE; 3. Marwan/Sabi, Land Rover, 2:51:27, UAE; 4. Omar/Ghazvi, Mitsubishi Pajero, 2:55:56, UAE; 5. Mazroui/Daghman, Nissan Patrol, 3:10:00, UAE; 6. Watts/Davy, Toyota Pick-Up, 3:12:48, UAE; 7. Al Marri/Wahid, Range Rover, 3:15:36, Qatar; 8. Risley/Whitaker, Mitsubishi Pajero, 3:24:31, UAE; 9. Mahmoud/Moued, Land Rover, 3:31:34, UAE; 10. Bin Nassem/Ghawi, Toyota Land Cruiser, 3:32:35, UAE; 11. Al Malaki/Al Malaki, Range Rover, 4:00:55, K.S.A.

Stohl drops out of rally

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, Sept 23, (AP): French driver Alain Ambrosini held his lead today after the first two legs of the 20th Ivory Coast Safari rally, and his closest challenger, Austrian Rudy Stohl, was forced to drop out after piling his car into a ravine.

Ambrosini, in a Nissan 200SX, took the lead right after the five-day race began. Only 22 of the 38 starters remained for the final leg as rain-slicked roads.

Belgian Pascal Gahan in a production Mazda 4 was in second place as drivers left Gagnoa for the last leg of the 3,422-kilometre (2,087-mile) race.

Senna set for Portuguese GP

ESTORIL, Portugal, Sept 23, (Reuters): Ayrton Senna, whose irresistible progress towards the world drivers' championship was interrupted two weeks ago, returns this weekend to the scene of his first Formula One win ready to reassert his dominance.

Senna drove one of the great races of modern times when he won the Portuguese Grand Prix here in torrential rain in 1985 in a Renault-powered Lotus. It was a triumph so memorable it is still talked of in reverent terms by those who saw it.

A similar result on Sunday in

his McLaren-Honda would virtually ensure Senna succeeded fellow-Brazilian Nelson Piquet as world champion and put him in the record books as the first driver to win eight races in a season.

But Senna, who led the Italian Grand Prix at Monza on September 11 until a collision with Frenchman Jean-Louis Schlesser on the penultimate lap, is likely to face serious competition from both his turbo and non-turbo powered rivals on the twisting 4.3-km Estoril circuit.

The turbo powered Ferraris of Austrian Gerhard Berger and

Italian Michele Alboreto proved with their one-two triumph at Monza that they have now overcome the fuel-consumption problems which bedevilled the team earlier in the season and will pose a threat to the McLarens for the rest of the year.

And the normally-aspirated Benetons of Italian Alessandro Nannini and Belgian Thierry Boutsen and marches of Brazilian Mauricio Gugelmin and Italian Ivan Capelli, the most improved teams this year, are sure to be a threat on a track perfectly suited to their nimble and responsive cars.

McEnroe and Agassi advance into 3rd round



McEnroe thrashed Chang

LOS ANGELES, Sept 23, (Reuters): John McEnroe, the third seed in the \$415,000 Los Angeles Grand Prix tennis tournament, turned a second-round match that had been billed as a drama into a one-sided workout yesterday.

McEnroe, 29, faced 16-year-old fellow American Michael Chang in a contest billed as the new wave versus the veteran. He beat the youngster easily 6-2, 6-4.

Lapse: Andre Agassi, the top seed and ranked four in the world, suffered a momentary lapse but came back to defeat unseeded Mexican Jorge Lozano 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

McEnroe fought off break points in the early going with aces and service winners and capitalised quickly to break Chang when the teenager double-faulted in the sixth game and then missed a backhand.

In the next game, McEnroe served his fourth double fault but still held for 5-2, then broke Chang at love for the set 6-2 on

another backhand error by the younger American.

In the second set, McEnroe at first countered Chang's passing shots with quick, reflex volleys. But the third seed was broken at love in the third game as Chang's passing shots found their mark.

Chang could not capitalise on his lead, dropping serve in the next game and holding it only once more in the match.

"I didn't get into a flow the first few games," McEnroe said. "But once I got ahead I felt I was controlling it more and more as time went on."

Chang was disappointed with his erratic play. "I made too many stupid errors that I usually don't," Chang said. "I missed a lot of easy volleys and short balls."

Agassi dominated Lozano in the first set with powerful forehands and won 6-4. In the second set, Agassi's serve broke down and he allowed a 5-3 lead to slip to 5-5, dropping serve after a series of backhand errors.

Lozano used his big serve and smooth groundstrokes to take a 6-5 lead, then virtually stood by as Agassi threw the set away, the American ending it with a deliberate double-fault to concede the game and the set 7-5.

Lozano, a Mexican Davis Cup player, failed to capitalise on the opportunity and quickly fell behind. Agassi served out the match 6-2 on a backhand error by the Mexican.

"It was so cold and I was so frustrated that I let him back in the match," said Agassi.

Producing: Fourth seeded Swede Mikael Pernfors produced a typical cliff-hanger in his second round match against unseeded American Marty Davis, toying with defeat before producing some devastating topspin lobs to win 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Mark Woodforde, the eighth seeded Australian, faced the unpredictable talents of American Johan Kriek, winning 7-5, 6-2 in another second round match.

Al Kuwait beat Qadsiya



An action shot of the match.

AL KUWAIT defeated Qadsiya 2-0 as Kuwait's soccer season got underway at the Kazma club yesterday.

Al Kuwait took the lead in the 23rd minute of the first half through a goal by Waleed Nasir. The first half ended 1-0 in Al

Mir Zaman upsets Kenyon

KARACHI, Sept 23, (Reuters): Mir Zaman Gul of Pakistan caused the main second round upset in the Pakistan Open Squash championship by beating sixth-seeded Phil Kenyon of England yesterday.

The unseeded Pakistani, runner-up in the recent Malaysian Open, eliminated the world's 11th-ranked player 6-15 17-14 15-5 15-10 to take a spot in the quarter-finals.

It was an energy sapping 52-minute battle that left Kenyon drained. "I played well for two games but after that I got tired from the heat," he said.

"It was very hot inside the court. I have never felt so tired."

Deposed: Brett Newton of Australia continued his winning run. After defeating Qamar Zaman of Pakistan in first round on Wednesday he disposed of eighth seed Neil Harvey of England 15-9 15-13 7-15-7.

Top two seeds Jansher Khan and Jahangir Khan moved closer to another clash in the final. Jansher required just 16 minutes to dispose of Hiddy Jahan of England 15-5 15-1 15-3.

Jahangir downed compatriot Maqsood Ahmed 15-8 15-2 15-11 in a match marred by frayed tempers.

Third-seeded Australian Chris Robertson defeated Maqsood Hanif of Pakistan 15-12 15-12 15-8 despite complaints about the refereeing.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rangers fined

GLASGOW, Sept 23, (Reuters): Scottish Premier Division club Glasgow Rangers have been fined 10,000 Swiss francs (about \$6,000) by the European Football Union (UEFA) following an incident during a UEFA Cup tie against Katowice at Ibrox earlier this month.

Swiss triumph

LUXEMBOURG, Sept 23, (Reuters): Switzerland made a flying start on the road to Italy on Wednesday with a comfortable 4-1 win over Luxembourg in their opening World Cup European qualifying Group Seven tie.

Mike Tyson

NEW YORK, Sept 23, (Reuters): World heavyweight champion Mike Tyson smashed a television crew's camera on Wednesday on his first day home from a trip to Moscow.

Ruud Guilt

MILAN, Sept 23, (Reuters): AC Milan's Dutch soccer star Ruud Guilt is expected to be out of action for about a month because of an ankle injury, a club spokesman said yesterday.

W. Germany win

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Sept 23, (Reuters): Arnout goal by defender Sergei Schmatvalenko gave West Germany a 1-0 victory over the Soviet Union in a friendly soccer match watched by the lowest West German crowd for a senior home international on Wednesday.

Cup challengers

SAN DIEGO, Sept 23, (Reuters): New Zealand's unsuccessful America's Cup challengers broke camp in California yesterday and headed east for a possible court challenge in New York of the San Diego Yacht Club's defence earlier this month.

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